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How did the events of 9-11-01 impact the school?

"The school came together and showed their appreciation and dedication to this country."
-Aaron Moore, '03

"Ever since September 11th, everything was extremely hectic, but the school really pulled through as a whole."
-Michelle Hobbs, '02

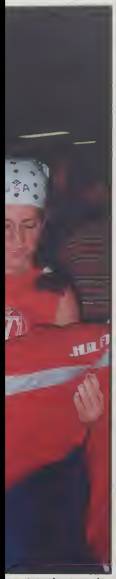
"Everyone seemed really unsure of what was going to happen after 9-11, but afterwards the school really showed it's patriotism."
-Jack Bryant, '03

"The September 11th attacks were really scary but everyone in the school came together."
-Emily Mateer, '02

During an eventful and stressful time this school year, many look back with resistance and fear, recalling the horrendous sights of September 11th. School unity pulled the students together through a difficult and uneasy time. The events which took place on September 11th in New York and Washington D.C. challenged all of us. But the school's unity became more evident as students showed their true patriotism for their country as well as their team. The student body came together to root for the Varsity football team as they made their way to state. Uniting the school, the team brought much needed release and excitement for the entire student body.

VHS students display their school lunch hours.

The Mighty Viking RCA dome to fac



spirit during the

The state runner-up Vikings proudly cheer with the crowd after the state game in Indianapolis.

The student cheering section at the state game was massive and overpowered the Ben Davis crowd.

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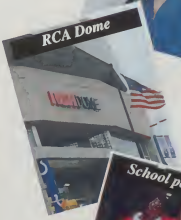
The Valpo Vikettes performed at half-time with their new outfits. They were one of many acts to perform for the half time show.

Megan McGonigle

Friends at State



RCA Dome

School patriotism

Dr. Hutton

Celebrating U.S.A.

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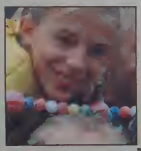


"The Homecoming parade was so much fun! "
-Freshman Lisa Floren

"This summer I got to spend a lot of time with my sister whom I love bunches."
-Sophomore Leah Publicover

"April Antics gives students a chance to showcase their diverse talents and abilities."
-Junior Claire Kaup

"Going out to breakfest in the morning is just like pancakes: GOOD!" **-Senior Jeff Klancer**

This was the first year for VHS to host a freshman/ sophomore variety show.

Homecoming
Holiday Dance
N.H.S.
Mr. VHS
Battle of the bands
King of Hearts

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION.....

Many VHS students spe much of their summer tin with each other. Picture here, (in front) To Littlefield, Alicia Hall, Ju Harkel, Keith Goins, Al Langer, Aubrey Miller, back) Adam Lomas, Kee Stone and Cameron Tho relaxed at a friend's hous

For most students, the summer was the most enjoyable part of the year. June, July, and the first two weeks of August were the time when most students got a break from early morning wake-ups, teachers and homework. "I slept in until noon almost every morning," said junior Matt Wilson. The students of VHS spent the summer of 2001 doing various activities. Some spent most of their time traveling. Others visited the beaches on practically a daily basis, or frequently visited Chicago. There were also several hard working students who put in many long hours working at summer jobs.

The summer nights were filled with just as much fun. The diverse student body entertained themselves by doing many different activities. "I went to dollar bowling night at Inman's almost every Thursday night," said senior Leah Alexander.

What was the highlight of your summer?

"We enjoyed taking long walks on the beach together."
Emily Byrum & Jake Gee
Seniors

"I visted my aunt in Van Nyes California for a month."
Damien Wenzel
Senior

"Going to The Vans Warped Tour with all of my friends."
Steve McClain
Sophomore

Some VHS students spent a week of the summer on one of the two Marine Biology trips to Key Largo. "The Marine Bio trip was a unique and memorable experience that cannot be forgotten," said senior Jordan Morris. Pictured here students on the Advanced Trip sit outside Dairy Queen. Seniors Ansley Williams and Natalie Crowley spend free time in the lodging facility.

Michael Ghilardi and friends stand in front of an incense burner at the Lingyih temple in China.

Seniors Jen Nowicki, Jillian Cuellar, Emily Patston and Jenn Schuster have some fun at the Porter County Fair.

Seniors Susan Strietelmeir, Jessica Scott and Sarah Hill attend a national gathering at the Louisana Superdome.

Juniors Chelsea Bigott, Jessica Javors, and Erica Boys pose in front of Lego Man in Chicago.

Juniors Danielle Nunnelly, Keara Orton and seniors Patrick Quinn and Jeff Klancer put on cowboy hats at Indiana Beach.

JUST SO YOU KNOW...

Many students enjoyed attending concerts of their favorite musicians such as Oasis, Tom Petty and The Dave Matthews Band.

The average curfew of VHS students this summer was midnight.

(50 VHS students surveyed)

Broadway Cafe, Denny's, and Schoop's were some of the most popular dining spots for students over the summer.

Seniors Emily Byrum, Mandy Shearer and Jillian Cuellar relax at the Dave Matthews Band Concert.

A WEEK OF FUN AND SPIRIT

With football games, spirit days, and a formal dance, there was something for just about everyone to participate in. The annual Powder Puff games were full of fun and excitement for all participants and fans. The teams that competed were a combined freshman and sophomore team, a junior team, a senior team and a female faculty team. This year the faculty won by beating the seniors in the second game. The Homecoming Parade had a good turn out despite the weather.

"It was a lot of fun riding in the parade even though it was cold," said senior and homecoming court nominee Jennifer Nowicki. Her escort Alex Karamesines added, "The best part was all of my friends were in the parade along with me."

Thoughts on Homecoming Week...

"It was awesome to see the Vikes kill Merrillville at the game- the crowd was going wild!"

Josh Wendall
Senior

"It was a little embarassing losing to the freshmen... maybe we would've won if our coach showed up..."

Laurel Mazar
Junior

"The Boys Swim Team float should have won- I demand a re-count!"

Parker Webber
Senior

No one could have described the Homecoming football game better than head coach Mr. Hoffman. "It was an outstanding performance of offense and defense as the 3rd ranked Vikings beat the 7th ranked Pirates 41-0," he said. Junior Mike Dorulla helped the team with his two intercepted passes for touchdowns.

Seniors Allison Wade and Adam Battista wait patiently for the start of the Homecoming parade.

Homecoming Court Nominee Rachel Cayia and her escort Nick Hoyt enjoy the festivities.

Seniors stick with the dance's "Candyland" theme while designing their float this year.

The Junior Powder Puff team gets together for a group picture before their games.

Powder Puff coach Karen Koelm instructs players while others wait on the sidelines.

For the Record...

The freshman/sophomore Powder Puff team beat both the junior and senior teams this year.

The sophomore class won first place in the float contest, followed by the Spanish Club and the senior class.

Some of the school spirit days included camoflage day and crazy hair day along with green and white day.

The junior class dressed up as the Village People to show their school spirit on their float.

HOW SWEET IT IS

VHS concluded its Homecoming week in style with the annual Homecoming dance which was held September 29 from 8:00-11:00 p.m. Many members of the student body attended the first dance of the year. The event was put together by the cheerleading squad, and took a lot of time and preparation. The night before the dance, the squad decorated until midnight.

"It was so fun. Everyone was in their pj's!' said junior cheerleader Jessica Javors. The squad decided on a "Candyland" theme this year since they wanted to do something other schools had not done before. First time dancers couldn't have asked for a better time. Even those who had attended their fair share of dances were very pleased.

" I had so much fun at this dance. My date Nick Schwerd and I wear different colored outfits every year. We've worn baby blue, light pink and this year orange. I look forward to the Homecoming dance every year!" stated senior Jill Maassel.

So, what do you have to say?

"I can't remember a point during the dance that I was not laughing."
- Mandy Wilczynski
Junior

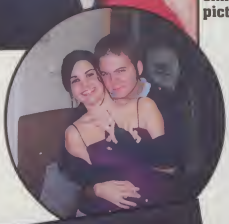
"I had a great time at the dance. It was awesome to be an escort too."
Mark Gathmann
Senior

"The music was better this year, so I was happy about that."
Kelly Compton
Senior

The Homecoming Queen this year was Angie Gaught. "I was really excited when Angie asked me to escort her, and I was really glad that she won," said senior Ryan Malone.

Homecoming court and escorts (l-r): Mark Gathmann, Heather Hutton, B.J. Maniscalco, Rachel Cayia, Tony Hart, Angie Gaught, Princess Michelle Hobbs, Jason Kenworthy, James Swanson, Jennifer Nowicki, Nick Rocchio and Sara Fitzgerald.

Posing for a moment, seniors Emily Publicover and Matt Chael take time to smile for a picture.



Seniors Emily Brown and Sean Whittaker pose for pictures before the dance.

Taking time out for a picture break, VHS students Lauren Schroeder, Brian Falls, Sarah Bartley and Mandie Huntley pose with their dates.

A camera doesn't stop senior Chris Frame and sophomores Lindsay Ardnt and Dana Majewski as they continue to dance.

A group of juniors and seniors eat dinner at Billy Jack's before the dance.

"The food was great and the company was even better," said senior Jason Cook.

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Many students enjoyed fine dining at Pesto's, Olive Garden and House of Kobe before the dance.

The cheerleaders were responsible for putting together this year's Homecoming dance and its "Candyland" theme.

Junior cheerleader Megan Glaser estimated the squad spent 30 hours making decorations for the dance.

Junior Kelley Magle and senior Keith Cogle, Tiffi Massad, Scott Sessoms, Ashley Tucker and Adam Parsons take a group picture before the dance.

"WE'RE NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE, TOTO!"

This fall, the VHS performers put on an "updated funky version of The Wizard of Oz,"as described by the Assistant Director Anne Nellessen. Alice Gamble was the producer of the production.

"It was an absolutely phenomenal cast to work with- they were unreal," Nellessen reported. The show ran four consecutive performances from November 15-18.

Lindsay Wilczynski had the lead role as Dorothy. She said, "This experience was the best of my life."

Drew Nellessen played the role of the Tinman. He said, "I couldn't have picked a better role for myself- I loved portraying such a well-known and loved character." The show gave many veterans as well as first- time actors a chance to show their abilities and talents on the stage.

You don't say...

"Being in The Wiz was easily one of the most fulfilling experiences in my high school career."

Marie Luongo
Senior, Auntie Em

"It was a great performance and very well put together."
Derek Smith
Senior, audience member

"The dancing, singing and overall performance was great. It was one of the best I've seen."
Sean Prendergast
Senior, audience member

With the help of choreographers Drew Nellessen and Larry Payne, *The Wiz* had many dance routines incorporated into it. Two of the very diverse routines that were equally appreciated by the fans were 'The Winged Monkeys' funk dance and 'The Tornadoes' ballet performance.

Dorothy (Senior Lindsay Wilczynski) listens intently as Auntie Em (Senior Marie Luongo) sings her solo.

The Munchkins watch as Addaperle (Senior Liz Uzalac) is welcomed into Oz.

Members of the Yellow Brick Road stand in position.

The Wicked Witch of the West Evillene (played by junior Claire Kaup) makes a stage appearance.

The Crew finally make it to the Emerald City and the Wiz was played by senior Nick Greiner.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT...

Rehearsals for The Wiz lasted around eight weeks and started in September.

During the curtain call, in every show, the lion, scarecrow, tinman and Dorothy came together for a group hug.

The Wiz had one extra large prop for the show- a full sized car that the crew had to haul on the stage.

Winkies Mandy Wilczynski, Michelle Hobbs-Fernie, Julia Monacy and Leanne Lamberth sing "Brand New Day".

A little bit of friendly competition...

Valparaiso High School held its fifth annual Junior Miss program on September 22, 2001 in the VHS auditorium.

Twelve seniors participated this year in hopes of winning scholarships and the coveted Junior Miss title. Judges chose the winners according to their qualifications in five catagories: Scholastics, Interview, Fitness, Talent and Poise.

Kari Jennings received a first place finish in the competition. "I did it in the beginning because my friends were doing it, but in the end it meant so much more because I made new friends," she said. The show was a success, carrying out a Michael Jackson theme throughout the show as they played many of his songs.

A word from the contestants...

"I'll never forget when the curtain was closing at the end of the show and we all did the SNL clap!"
Allison Hupp
Senior

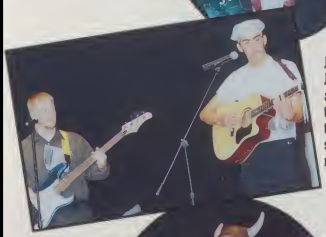
"I think it's a good thing for all girls because it helps to build confidence."
Courtney Dickinson
Senior

"It was a lot of fun and a good experience and I made a lot of new friends."
Megan Coulter
Senior

For the first time Junior Miss participants raised extra scholarship money by setting up booths at the Popcorn Festival and selling slushy puppies. The girls found this to be another successful way to add to the prize money. "Selling slushies was really fun, but we made a mess. At the end of the day, everyone was red, blue, and sticky," said Megan Linnes.

During the start of the evening wear competition, contestant Bobby Boyd introduces his escort and girlfriend, Megan Ennes.

Benji Milanowski proudly smiles after he was crowned the second annual Mr. VHS.



John Maddox and Josh Wendahl were among many who used the talent competition portion to show off their musical skills.

Escorted by senior Kellie Heminger, contestant Dustin Treadway shows the crowd his school spirit during the beach wear competition.

Contestant Pat Ludwig wins one of the runner up spots and a cash prize.

JUST SO YOU KNOW...

Mr. VHS Benji Milanowski performed many tasks to get the glory. He showed off his stuff as a fireman in his beachwear.

After organizing the first Mr. VHS show last year, graduate Chrissy Sward returned to judge this year's competition.

All contestants were escorted by senior girls. Some of the escorts included Joelle Ogle, Kellie Hemminger, and Jamie Mooney.

After long rehearsals, the contestants opened up the show with their rendition of "It's Raining Men," complete with umbrellas and a chorus line.

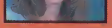
With this year's holiday theme "Jingle Bell Rock," students were able to dress as others did back in the fifties. The Holiday dance gave students a much needed release and celebration before the two week long break for the holidays.

Valentine's Day brought love and romance. With that, came the King of Hearts dance and court. The court included Ryan Hontz, Josh Wendahl, Adam Battista, Pat Ludwig, Mark Gathmann, Nick Rocchio, John Maddox, and David Blythe. Incorporating the Hollywood theme into the dance and the court's costumes made the dance a memorable experience.

You don't say...

"When I dressed up like Maverick, I felt like I was ready to go into the cockpit and fight a war. Dressing up during the actor day was my favorite part."

Josh Wendahl, 02'



"I had a fun time because that's the last dance that I could go to with my freshmen friends." C.J. Wardrop, 02'

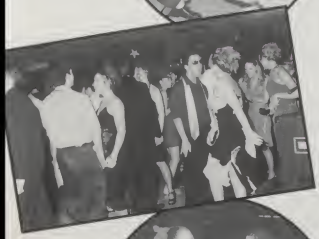
"I had a blast. It was a lot of fun to see everyone dressed up for the Hollywood theme."

Erica Boys, 03'

After a week-long competition, the seven senior court members learned the final outcome. The victor, Ryan Hontz, won a well deserved fight. All week long, Hontz decked out as Peter Pan, Harry Potter, Mrs. Doubtfire, Cupid. The runner up was Josh Wendahl.

Grooving to the tunes at the holiday dance, juniors Keara Orton and Katie Bortel show off in front of senior Jeff Klancer.

Senior Jason Cook and junior girlfriend Danielle Nunnelly show off their skills at the holiday dance.



Seniors take up the dance floor at the King of Hearts dance.

Dressing in 50's style clothing to the dance, seniors Sara Orwall and Josh Carver relive the Grease era.

Many who attended the dance moved to their favorite tunes on the dance floor.

HAVE YOU HEARD...

Members of the King of Hearts Court were in costume all week. They dressed up as Disney & movie characters, Mrs. Doubtfires, and Cupids.

Although the Holiday Dance had a smaller turnout then in the past, the junior class hosts spread holiday cheer.

Students were able to have their pictures taken with Santa Claus a.k.a Mr. Reggie at the 'Jingle Bell Rock' Holiday Dance.

The Jingle Bell Rock theme of the Holiday Dance gave students the option to dress in a 50's style. Many girls wore poodle skirts and guys were decked out in rolled up t-shirts and jeans.

The Vacation You've Awaited...

Returning from Christmas vacation, the was only one thing on student mind WHEN'S SPRING BREAK? Many st dents counted down the days left befo they found themselves on the sun beaches of Florida or Mexico. Even t ladies who work in the cafeteria help out with the long awaited vacation b posting a large countdown in the cafet ria. For seniors, they found themselv contemplating where they would spen their last spring break together. "It w the last time before graduation that yo were able to spend quality time wi your friends," explained senior Sabri Houldieson. Unfortunatly, not everyo got to journey to a foreign country, or sa away to the Carribean. But those who d stay in Valpo found a way to manage the time while others were away.

Senior Sarah Coggins stated, "I had a one way ticket to Valpo, but I was grateful for the opportunity to slee in." Other students, such as senior Adam Vail, went on a cruise in the Caribbean. Besides the vacation itsel returning from spring break was probably the most difficult task among students at VHS. The followin week was spent reminiscing amd starting a new countdown -summer vacation.

"I went to Puerto Vallerta, Mexico. It was pretty fun to kick it with the Wendahl brothers!"
~Adam Battista ('02)

"I went just south of Cancun for spring break. It was beautiful and crazy - it was paradise!"
~Olivia Gingerich ('04)

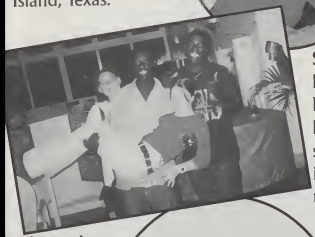
"I had a one way ticket to Valpo but I was grateful for the opportunity to sleep in."
~Sarah Coggins ('02)

"I went to Valpo and got a wicked tan from the sun reflecting off the snow!"
~Anshuman Das ('02)

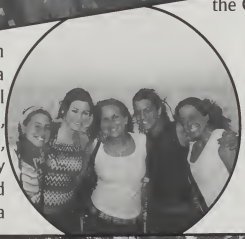
A popular vacation destination during spring break this year was S Florida. (Pictured to the left) seniors Ashley Lakin, Kelly Deal, Laura Kiernan, and Kate Collins spend quality time together in Sarasota, FL. Below, seniors Julian Dalrymple and Billy Coughlin along with two girls from Michigan spend the week in Panama City, FL.

Although juniors Katie Ziegler, Michelle Sullivan, and Jackie Scuderi stay in Valpo for spring break, they still enjoyed visiting the Easter bunny at Southlake Mall.

Junior Cassie Wells, and seniors Cory Howell and Sarah Bartley spend their spring break in South Padre Island, Texas.



Sophomore Lindsey Kreps and junior Megan Wright meet local friends while spending spring break in Antigua, an island in the Caribbean.



eniors Jen chuster, Julia Harkel, Jill Maasell, Megan Singel, nd Emily Patston spend heir time on a cruise ship.

Seniors Artie VanHouten, Erika Groves, Ryan Monroe, Courtney Dickenson, Rachel Roberts, and Ben Lieske spend time together in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

JUST SO YOU KNOW...

The most popular vacation spots during spring break for students from VHS were Florida and Mexico.

After returning from spring break, students only had 43 school days remaining.

Spring break was one of the most awaited vacation times the VHS student body looked forward to besides summer vacation.

During their spring break in Cancun, Mexico, seniors (l-r) Brian Rastovic, Matt Herren, Aaron Ingram, Tim Zulich, Derrick Bretz, and Jared Nunley unwind at a local Mc Donalds.

Come Sail Away.....

All aboard! This year's April Am theme was "The Big Green Boat." T show consisted of singing, dancing comedy skits, magic shows, etc.

Whether one wanted to perform alone, or with friends, it was a cha for the VHS students to come toget and show their talents.

"We had so much fun doing it together. We're all very close frien said The Locker Fam, a group of eighteen senior girls who have had their lockers together for two year

This year's show involved senio citizens from the community. They were able to get involved and perf with the other students because th story line centered around student who were accidently booked on a senior citizen's cruise.

Sophomore Danielle Zale sings "What I Would Do For Love" during the show.

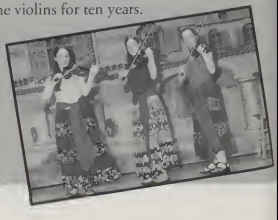
Ryan Cunningham shows his love for Valpo in the song "Get Out of Valpo."

Accompanied by the VHS jazz band, senior Marie Luongo performs "Misty."

Senior Ryan Hontz sings "Octupus' Garden."

Junior Aleks Karjaka and Tom Benton perform a duet on the trombone and the saxaphone. The duo were part of the VHS Jazz Band.

The Walker trio play "La Bamba" on the violins. The sisters have been playing the violins for ten years.



Seniors Josh Carver and Frederick Rode bust a move on the stage. The guys danced to "Are You Moving In On My Girl."

Junior Lauren Johnson leaps forward in her dance "Fall At Your Feet."

"The Locker Fam" act as waitresses and dance to "Land Of a Thousand Dancers."

Senior Sean Whittaker performs an orignial piece of music.

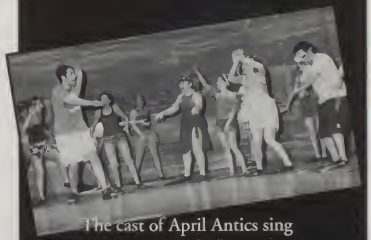
Drew Nellessen and Betsy Wonsetler sing the duet "You're the Cream in My Coffee."

JUST SO YOU KNOW..

There were a total of 126 performers in this year's show.

April Antics has been a VHS tradition for fifty plus years.

The cast of this year's show ranged in age from 14 to 75.



The cast of April Antics sing "Octupus' Garden".

One enchanting evening...

Though the calendar said it was the middle of May, it certainly did not feel l prom time. With temperatures dropping low as 40 degrees, students braved the c in order to dance the night away at the Porter County Expo Center. Sponsored b the junior class, the 2002 junior-senior prom and post-prom granted students w an enchanting event complete with a bay set and DJ.

Prom court crownings took place midway through the dance. King court nominees included Matt Handlon, David Tomes, Nate Hines, Michael Hoess, and winner Ben Lieske. Nominated to the Queen's court were: Liz Uzelac, Allison Hupp, Brooke McAfee, Megan McGonig and winner Leslie Vittetoe. The junior c included prince nominees Karl Gioia ,Ad Demko, Ben Potts,Ben Tritle and winner Drew Nellessen. The princess court inclu Michelle Sullivan, Megan Glaser, Kristin Gordon, Natalie Hines, and winner Mari Marcenac.

Express Yourself...

"It was such a great night. We really had a lot of fun. It was sad because it was my last dance of high school but I am glad I went."
Cory Kennedy
Senior

"Prom was so much fun! My date Kenny flew in from Colorado to go with me and we went to Hooters for dinner. We also went to the batting cages in our formal wear."
Emily Brown
Senior

If the excitement of thei nominations wasn't enou for the senior and junio court members, the anti pation of announcing th victors set the scene for t entire night. Victory wa sweet for seniors Ben Lie and Leslie Vittetoe as th attended the final dance their high school careers. For the juniors, another year is still to come to w the crown and glory.

Juniors Katie Ziegler and Mallory Norman take time out from dancing to pose for the camera.

Senior Lauren Smith and boyfriend Mike Hargarten withstand the cold chill before prom.

Traveling cross country to escort Senior Emily Brown, Kennan Walsh traveled from Colorado.

Seniors Brent Nyberg and C.J. Wardrop pose for their pre-prom pictures before making their way to the celebration.

Seniors Amanda Sheppard, Austin Aytes, and Amber Wright make their way across the enchanted bayou bridge.

IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW...

The temperature for prom dropped as low as 40 degrees, making for a chilly evening.

The prom king and queen were Ben Lieske & Leslie Vittetoe. Drew Nellessen and Marion Marcenac were crowned prince and princess.

Post prom was celebrated into the wee hours of the morning with rock climbing, games, and many other fun activities held in the field house.

Decked out in joker outfits, junior class sponsors Mrs. Yelton and Mrs. Fiegle-Hicks welcome the students as they enter the prom held at the Expo center.

Finally...the end!...

The class of 2002 graduated on June at 7 pm in the Valparaiso High School gymnasium.

Cool temperatures and the threat of r kept the ceremonies from being held at th football field.

Graduates, parents and faculty were welcomed by Principal Kenneth Brist. Th faculty guest speaker for the event was physics teacher Ben Austin. The event wa especially significant for Austin who retir from teaching at the end of the school yea

The student speaker was graduating senior Pat Ludwig.

Valparaiso Community School Board members and administrators along with s members handed out the diplomas. They were assisted by VHS students Stephanie Malak, Brittany Allen, Liz Neal and Allis Connors.

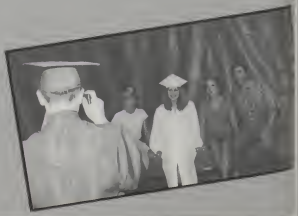
Snapshots...

Principal Ken Brist welcomes parents, students and faculty to ceremonies.

Senior Ben Lieske makes one final stop at the fieldhouse after receiving his diploma.

Listening intently, seniors Adam Battista and Sarah Bartley reflect on their high school experiences during graduation ceremonies.

Posing for pictures with family and friends was a popular activity before commencement.



Senior Jen Claypool happily walks down the steps after receiving her diploma.

All smiles, Pat Ludwig waits for the class roll call.

Kyle Liedtke performs along with fellow musicians Ashley Lakin and Nick Rocchio.

Retiring physics teacher Ben Austin was selected as the faculty speaker.

Nick Rocchio and Ashley Lakin perform "Let It Be" which was the senior class song.

IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW...

It was Valparaiso High School's 128th commencement ceremony.

Seniors Heather Hutton, Allison Wade, Garrett Gray and Jason Cook all shared the distinction of having parents who were VHS employees.

Senior class officers were: president Megan Kennedy, vice-president Allison Wade, Secretary Erica Anderson and treasurer Heather Hutton.

Seniors Garrett Gray and Nick Letta talk with classmates after the conclusion of ceremonies.

CLASS OF 2002

Four years of high school provided students with the ability to learn, grow, and make lasting relationships to carry on throughout their lives. The senior class officers made no exception to the rules. Leading the class of 2002 were President Megan Kennedy, vice-president Allison Wade, secretary Erica Anderson and treasurer Heather Hutton.

As leaders of the graduating class, the officers tried to prepare the seniors for many events. The girls were responsible for the senior banquet, the party, the graduation and the baccalaureate. As officers they took their role very seriously.

"I wanted to play an active role in the planning of the senior class events," president Megan Kennedy stated.

The senior class officers definitely had their work cut out for them. But strong friendships and close bonds allowed the girls to create a positive and memorable senior year for the class of 2002 through unity. "Together we achieved greatness," secretary Anderson stated.

Student class officers: (left to right) Allison Wade, Megan Kennedy, Heather Hutton, Erica Anderson

Daniel Abel
Adam Aguirre
Amy Allen
Erica Anderson
Paul Anderson

Ryan Anderson
Carey Andrew
Kristen Ashbaugh
Richard Badger
Mitchell Baker

Adrian Balbo
Shea Ballantine
Melissa Ballard
Matthew Balon
Rebecca Bambrick

Joseph Barry
Sarah Bartley
Adam Battista
Amber Beauprey
Alexander Bergstedt

Jillian Bertram
Christopher Beutler
Courtney Biggs
David Biggs
David Blythe

Brandon Bond
Joy Bowker
William Boy
Robert Boyd
Derrick Bretz

Emily Brown
Robert Brown
Stephen Brown
Jennifer Buck
Kristina Burns

Laura Burns
Melanie Byers
Emily Byrum
George Carberry
Eric Carter

Joshua Carver
Regan Casey
Rachel Cayia
Daniel Chenhall
Brooke Christopher

Amanda Christy
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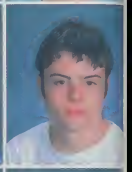

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Jason Cook

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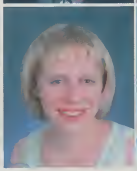

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Erin Dermody
Jaclyn Derolf
ChristopherDeschamps

Aaron Diaz
Megan Diaz
Rachel Diaz
Courtney Dickinson
Lindsey Doppler

just SAY it!

How well do you know your senior classmates? Can you match the speaker to their quote? Take into consideration each speaker's personality type.

Adam Battista

Josh Carver

Erin Dermody

Ryan Malone

1. "The worst thing about this school is the bathrooms. There are no stall doors, and it makes going to the bathroom so unpersonal!"

2."On the first day of freshmen orientation, I walked in the auditorium late, tripped over a backpack and fell flat on my face."

3. "I like cheese and chocolate, but not together and pain is beauty, beauty is pain."

4. "My mom looks a lot like Hillary Clinton and people say I look like the guy from *American Pie*, but I disagree."

Answers: 1.Malone 2.Dermody 3.Carver 4. Battista

Anna Dorsch
Heather Dost
Benjamin Dougherty
Lana Drahota
Adam Dravininkas

Timothy Dres
Kristin Duis
Megan Duncan
Bethany Dunleavy
Rachel Dunlop

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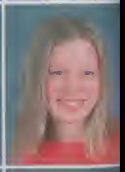

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Brian Gast
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Mark Gathmann

Angela Gaught
Irene Gawdzik
Jacob Gee
Brianna Geissler
Andrea Georgion

Graeme Gerdom
Michael Gibbs
Krystal Gilbert
Justin Glaser
Rebecca Godbey

Amber Gold
Christopher Goodaker
Elizabeth Gootee
Linda Grabos
Daniel Gratz

Garrett Gray
Charles Greenawald
Nicholas Greiner
Laurie Gribschaw
Jennifer Grimes

Can you handle this jelly?

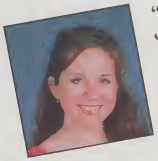
GET REAL

"Bootylicious being good lo ing and appea ing to the opp site sex."
~Travis Matthieson

"Being bootylicious means you are too hot to handle. Have you seen me? Yes, I'm bootylicious and I'd like to say I love my legs!"
Brittany Landreth

How do you define bootylicious?

"It's walking into a club with big muscles, a tight shirt, and great dance moves. You also have to have the confidence to back it all up."
~Paul Danielson



"You have to str your style, work your attitude an fluff your hair."
~Kendra Fricke

Adrienne Grimmell
Valerie Groth
Erika Groves
Lindsey Hagan
Dane Hagberg

David Haines
Alicia Hall
Brian Hallmen
Matthew Handlon
Kaitlin Hansell

Jason Hanson
Bradley Hardebeck
Rachel Hardesty
Grant Haring, Jr.
Julia Harkel

Douglas Harvey
Kali Havlick
Kellie Heminger
Crystal Hendrik
Susan Herr

Matthew Herren
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Sarah Hill
Nicole Hillesland
Nathan Hines

Michael Hoess
David Hoffman
Patrick Hofmann
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Sarah Hunt

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Liz Huyette-Arrizza
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Aaron Ingram

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Kari Jennings
Kathryn Johnson
Nathan Johnson
Scott Johnston

Kyle Jones
Sara Jones
Raymond Jurecki
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Seema Kansal

Alex Karamesines
Donnie Kahlmorgan
Natalie Karas
Frances Keeney
Kristopher Kehe

Cory Kennedy
Megan Kennedy
Jason Kenworthy
Michelle Kerwin
Loretta Kiernan

Jeffrey Klancer
Lisa Knauff
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Richard Krabbeler
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Jonathon Krysa
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Alexandra Langer
David Lazaro
Nicholas Letta
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Thomas Littlefield
Amber Littles
Amanda Loker
Adam Lomas

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Marie Luongo
Elizabeth Lute
Jill Maassel

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Shae MacPherson
Ashley Maday
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Maureen Mahns
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Adam Marshall

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Emily Mateer
Travis Matthiesen
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Cassie Mcelwain
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Paul McGriff
Molly McGuigan

Matthew McIntire
Justin Mcintosh
Kyle McKanna
Lorrie McKee
Connor McShane

Jonathan Medley
Brian Mehring
Alicia Mickey
Ben Milanowski
Joseph Minissale

Laura Minton
Lauren Moneski
Ryan Monroe
Jamie Mooney
Kelley Morlock

no regrets

What has been your greatest memory or most embarrassing moment of your high school years?

"My greatest memory would be when Mr. Iatrola told my physics class about how he wrestled a bear and won!"
~ Kate Pester

"My most embarrassing moment would be when I fell in the lunch room. I hit a wet spot and my feet fell out from under me. I felt like the biggest idiot!"
~ Lauren Schroeder

"My most embarrassing moment was when I got in a car accident with Kalojaie in the parking lot."
~ Ric Frataccia

"I think my most embarrassing moment happened my sophomore year during AP history finals. I had finished my test and laid my head down and fell asleep. A few minutes later I woke up and everyone in class was looking at me because I was talking in my sleep. To make it worse, the teacher asked me if I was having a good dream."
~ Adrian Balbo

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Danielle Mou
Edward Mullin
Jeremiah Muryasz
Matthew Myer

Adam Naramore
Jesse Nielsen
Neal Niemeyer
Jennifer Nowicki
Rachael Nowlin

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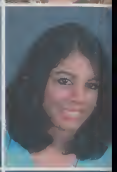

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Sean Prendergast

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Benjamin Reder
Sean Refbord

Kristin Richardson
Jillian Ripley
Teri Rittel
Rachel Roberts
Jason Robinson

Jodie Robison
Nicholas Rocchio
Jeremy Rock
Frederic Rode
Cait Rogan

Alan Rogers
Robert Romano
Bonnie Rosado
Ivo Rozendaal
Ashley Salan

Adam Schafer
Nicola Schmidt
Scott Schoech
Alex Schroeder
Cynthia Schroeder

Lauren Schroeder
Jennifer Schuster
Nicholas Schwerd
Michael Sciarra
Jacob Scott

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Troy Senasu
Amanda Shearer
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Brian Shelton

Nicholas Sheptak
Jennifer Sherbak
Joy Shiplov
Megan Singel
Gina Sizemore

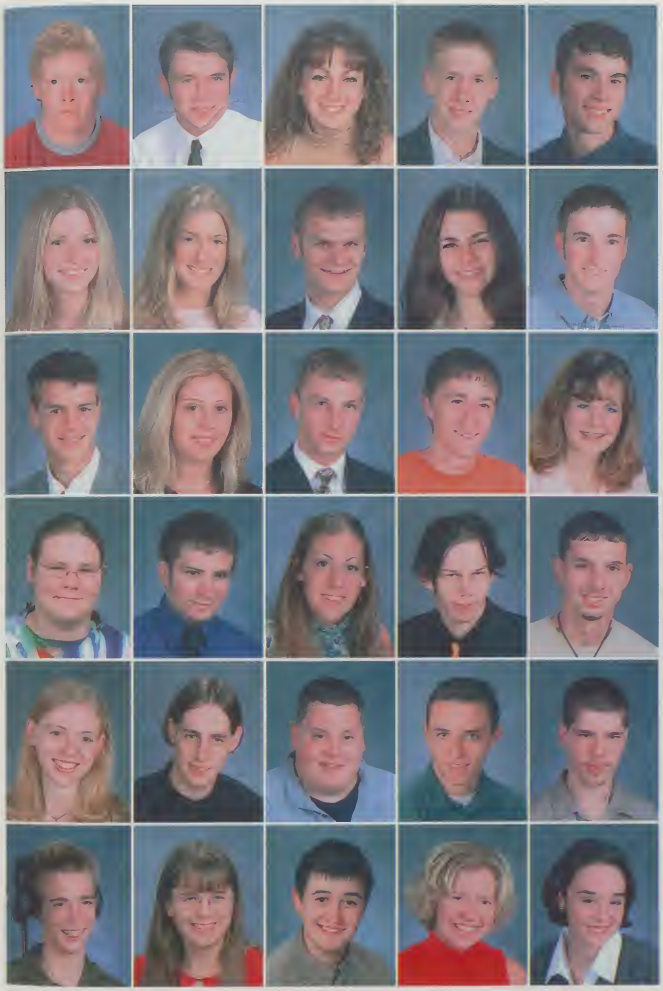
★ Students Speak up on the tragedy of September 11. ★

"The events on September 11 have made me much more aware of the fighting world outside of our peaceful borders. It has given me a strong sense of pride in my country, my flag, and everything it stands for."
~Erica Anderson

"The events that occurred on September 11th have changed my life. I believe that the events have opened my eyes to a new world. They have helped me realize what can happen to good things."
~Parker Weber

"I think September 11th's events have changed us all in many ways. The terrorist attacks were an unparalleled tragedy on a scale never before fathomed. Everyone today should give thanks for our freedoms, life, abilities, and the pursuit of happiness."
~Aaron Ingram

In light of the incidents that occurred on September 11, 2001, VHS students trade in their green and white for red, white, and blue.



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C. J. Wardrop
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Joseph Winter
Kelly Woods

Amber Wright
Joshua Wright
Ginger Wyatt
Steven Young
Neil Yovanovich
Jeffrey Zdanczyk
Timothy Zulich

Describe your ideal boy or girlfriend.....

"My ideal boyfriend is one who has no shame."
~Jill Ripley

"I feel there is no ideal girlfriend or boyfriend. You can only be greatful for what you get not what you want. Personally, I think that guys will never understand girls."
~ Aileen Coggins

"My ideal boyfriend is someone who respects my beliefs & morals, can make me laugh, and has a good head on his shoulders."
~ Christine Puplava

Senior Royalties

Most Likely Never To Return to Valpo- **Winston Lin***, Ryan Duron, Ivo Rozendahl, Rachel Nowlin, Emily Byrum, **Cait Rogan***

Best Couple-Ben Lieske & Rachel Roberts, **Cassandra McElwain & Jeremiah Muryasz***, Sarah Hill & Travis Matthiesen, Tyler Parsons & Nicole Macaluso

Best Dressed- **Nick Schwerd***, Mike Hoess, Ryan Hontz, Natalie Karas, Ashley Laken, **Jen Nowicki***

Most Likely to Stay in Valpo- Scott Schoeck, Adam Shaffer, **Adam Lomas*, Joy Bowker***, Heather Hutton, Lisa Knauff

Most Likely to Succeed-Winston Lin, **Pat Ludwig***, Matt Handlon, Liz Weiss, Lindsay Wilczynski, **Kari Jennings***

Best Hair- David Blythe*, Mark Gathman, Nick Schwerd, Natalie Karas, **Angie Gaught***, Allison Hupp

Biggest Flirt- **Alex Karamesines***, Chris Deschamps, Benji Milanowski, Heather Hutton, Allison Wade, **Adrian Balbo***

Cait

Angie

Winston

Nick Schwerd

Jen

Cassie & Jeremy

Adam

Nominations for Senior Royalties- The winners have stars next to their names.

Class Clown
Diamond Paschal*
Shea Ballantine
Michelle Hobbs

Josh Wendahl*
Aaron Sullivan
Nick Rocchio

Best Smile
Rachael Cayia
Angie Gaught*
Brianna Martinek

Steve Brown
Ryan Hontz
Alex Karamesines*

Best Personality
Allison Wade
Megan Kennedy
Liz Uzelac*

Adam Battista
Travis Matthesien
Ryan Malone*

Best Musical Talent
Marie Luongo
*Allison Hupp**
Brianna Martinek
Nick Rocchio
Pat Ludwig*
Kyle McKanna

Most Artistic
Dan Gratz*
Justin McIntosh
Connor McShane
Amy Allen*
Adrieene Grimmell
Lindsay Sohovich

Worst Driver
Ryan Duron
Kyle Jurecki
Rich Krga*
Alex Langer*
Jillian Cueller
Erika Groves

Best Athlete
Mike Sullivan
Matt Handlon*
Jason Cook
Megan Diaz*
Erica Anderson
Brooke McAfee

Most Changed Appearance
Bryan Rastovic*
George Carberry
Jordan Ezell
Sara Fitzgerald
Taniesha O'Neil
Claudia Yow*

Diamond

Josh

Angie

Liz

Ryan Malone

Allison

Pat

Matt

Megan

Dan

Amy

Rich

Bryan

Claudia

Alex

Alex Langer

Class of 2003

President Michelle Sullivan, Treasurer Liz Neal, Secretary Kristina Gordon, and Vice- President Stephanie Malak pose in the halls of VHS. "I enjoyed student council because I could learn about what everyone else thought and help solve any problems that came up," Sullivan stated.

Juniors Michelle Sullivan, Stephanie Malak, Liz Neal, and Kristina Gordon were the junior class officers. The job required staying after school for meetings, giving up study halls, and having total commitment to the projects at hand. They said it was worth all the hard work; after all, the junior class was in charge of Prom, one of the most important events of the year.

Most of the projects the junior class officers dealt with concerned Prom. Fundraisers such as the compatability tests helped raise money for the event, while students planned the decorations and parents prepared for Post-Prom activities. Aside from Prom, Student Council also had to prepare for the Indiana State Convention held at VHS. Over 1600 students came for the weekend of November 10th and 11th to hear speakers and attend workshops on leadership.

As the junior class officers, Sullivan, Malak, Neal, and Gordon got to take on other leadership positions as well. Treasurer Liz Neal was chairperson of the Nursing Home committee. Every other week, people on the committee went to Whispering Pines to visit and talk with residents. "It made me feel good to help in the community," Neal stated.

Overall, the officers agreed that Student Council was fun and rewarding despite the hard work. They hoped to be officers for their senior year and looked forward to seeing what they could accomplish. Vice President Stephanie Malak said she would continue to participate in student council because it was different from any other group. "I got to spend time and do stuff with others to make good things happen," Malak said.

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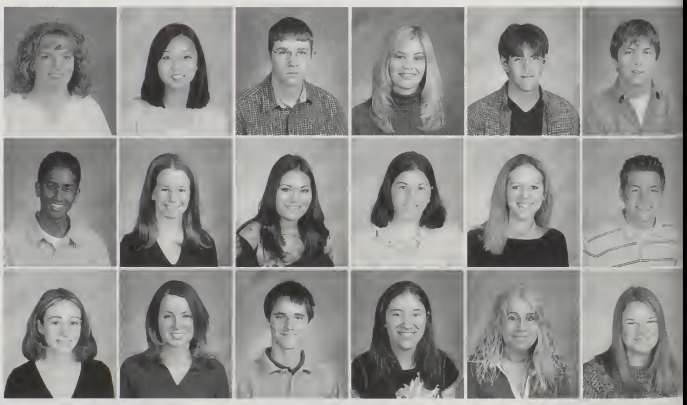

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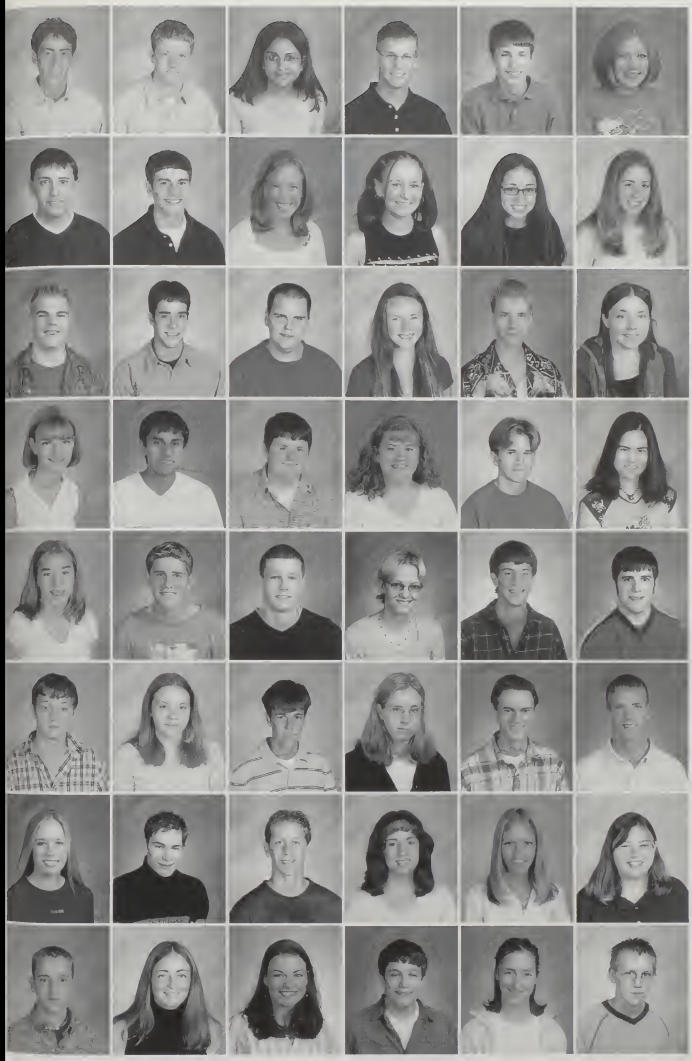

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Joshua Maynard
Melina Mayrosh

Laurel Mazar
Catherine McChristian
Steven Mclain
Cassie McDonald
Ian McDonald
Maria McGhee

What do you feel is something a true friend would do for you?

"A real friend would help you out in a time of need and turn your frown upside down." ~Chris Wazielewski

"I feel that a real friend would stick up for you and always be there to support you no matter what. True friends are forever." ~Lauren Ostrowski

"To me, a real friend would make you chicken noodle soup when you are sick." ~Mandy Wilczinski

"A real friend would be there for you no matter what happened, and they would tell you the truth even if it hurt." ~Jen Booker

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Class of 2004

From left to right: President Abby Dunleavy, Vice President Dana Bretz, Treasurer Lauren Holst, and Secretary Jenny Hoeffler.

Being pretty much right in the middle, sophomore year was one of the mos eventful years in one's high school career.

"It was when you started to take things more seriously and understoo what everything really meant," explained Dana Bretz.

This year the sophomore class officers had enormous responsibilities i helping to host the 2001 Student Council State Convention. President Abb Dunleavy, Vice President Dana Bretz, Secretary Jenny Hoeffler, and Treasure Lauren Holst spent countless hours preparing for the annual event.

"I ran for president because I love helping people, and this position offere so many possibilities to make a difference. My jobs included making sure th sophomore class could communicate with the administration and gave peer that would normally not have a chance to voice their opinions and ideas chance to," stated Dunleavy.

All the officers also contributed in making the homecoming class floa which received first place in the Homecoming parade. In addition, the officer helped to plan the Twister competition, organize the Grand March, and pla other various fund-raisers for Student Council. "This was a huge responsibilty but I thought I was up for the challenge," commented Hoeffler.

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Melissa Lipscomb
Timothy Losey II

Lauren Lucchesi
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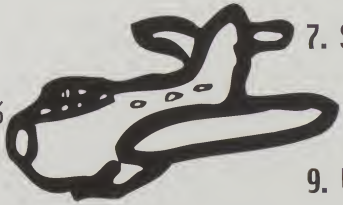
Vincent Luongo
Jennifer Lute
Melissa Maciel
Dina Majewski

Top Ten Fears of the sophomore class

1. Flying 26%
2. Death 20%
3. Closed off Spaces 14%
4. Buried Alive 11%
5. Spiders 9%
6. Being Lost 6%
7. Snakes 6%
8. Guns 6%
9. Water 3%
10. Traveling 2%



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Class of 2005

In a freshman class full of new faces, four really stood out this year. Class officers Bryan Carberry, Richard Scuderi, Chelsea Nic, and Jeff Brandt aimed to bring students together, while learning something new, and just having fun.

For freshman students, Student Council elections were held during the first week of school. Vice President Richard Scuderi said he ran in the elections because he wanted to make the school safer while practicing leadership skills. Most would agree that with those goals, the Class of 2005 was off to a good start.

Generally, the freshman class had time to adjust to high school by starting with small projects, but this wasn't the case. This year the freshman class had to dive right into the task of preparing for the Student Council State Convention. Up until the convention took place on November 10th and 11th, "freshman questions" repeatedly appeared on the agenda so that freshmen wouldn't be confused at the meetings.

Aside from State Convention, the freshman students also worked on more exciting projects too, the officers said. In September, they planned their first homecoming float. Later in March, they helped with the annual food drive. Student Council sponsor Kris Arthur boasted that each year about 2,000 pounds of food were collected for local food pantries.

Treasurer Jeff Brandt said of the year, "We just wanted to get everyone involved, and start some unity in the school."

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Q&A

Q: How do you feel the school will change by the time you are a senior?

A: "I will be taller."
~ Robby Jones

A: "I will be a senior instead of a freshman and there will be new lunchladies."
~ Devin Henson

A: "I bet our school will be more technologically advanced by the time we are seniors and the population will definitely have grown."
~ Allissa Spelde

A: "I think all of the teachers will be robots and we will drink motor oil instead of water out of the drinking fountains."
~ Ricky Ringer

A: "I haven't really thought much about the future, but of what I have, I imagine our school will be about the same."
~ Lisa Floran

A: "I think that the football team will go to state again & we will WIN!"
~ Jillian Donesbe

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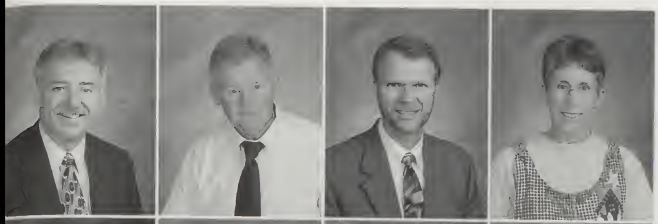

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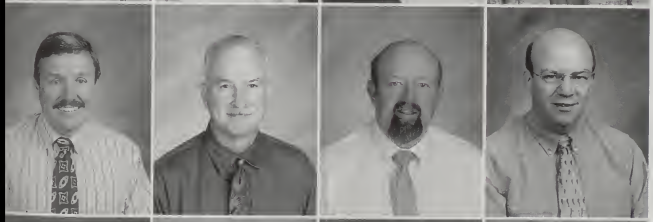

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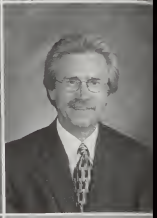

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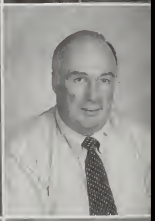

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Chaperones Judy Largura and her husband watch as Mary Kae Ringer pours punch for them at the Christmas Dance.

U•N•I*ty*

in focus

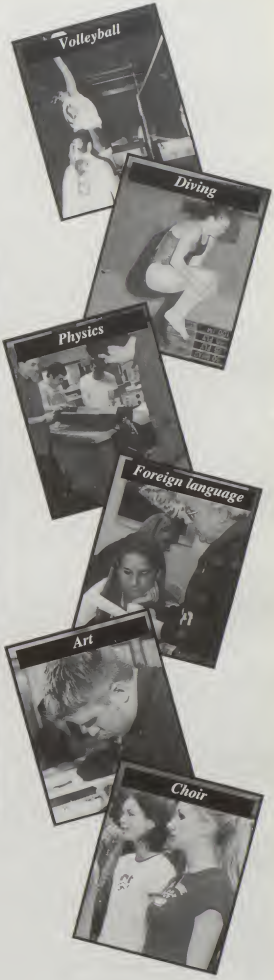
"Basketball was a fun and rewarding experience in which I learned a lot."
-Freshman Sir Daniel Watts

"Cross country is great! I love the girls and I hope to be as successful as my sister."
-Sophomore Mandy Scully

"Powder Puff was awesome! I enjoyed it so much!It was a true bonding experience for us all! It gave girls a chance to play a boy's sport."
-Junior Kelley Macke

"Natural helpers was a good learning experience. It gives you a chance to meet and get to know people you would not have a chance to otherwise."
- Senior Emily Brown

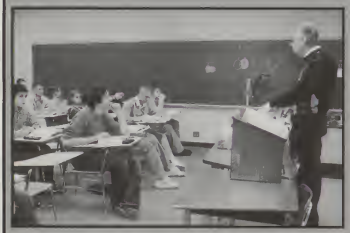
The VHS student body supports the Viking football team during one of its first home games of the season.


Volleyball
Diving
Physics
Foreign language
Art
Choir

the brains.....

Earth Space teacher Mr. King assists junior Brett Lundgren with his questions concerning a lab. "I like this class because I get to learn about many different things, I also get to sit next to my two favorite people, senior Matt Handlon and junior Mallary Mullins," Lundgren stated.

Sophomore Trevor Nightengale diligently types away on his daily exercises. Nightengale said, "I was pretty good at typing when this class started but now I am just a speed demon on the keyboard."



Senior Nick Rocchio pays close attention in Pre-Calculus so he does not miss any important information. "Mr Punter is a great teacher in that he will take as much time and effort as it takes for us to understand," Rocchio explained.

If one was new to VHS, he would have noticed that the school offered many classes in the field of computers, math, and science.

The courses offered in the math department were algebra, geometry, algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus. Each math class also had different tracks so each student could feel comfortable at the speed he or she was learning at. There was also a tutor offered each period of the day so a student could get help at anytime when he or she was having trouble.

"Math is radical!"

~ Keara Orton 03'

Science was another discipline where many classes were offered. Freshman and sophomore year a student did not face a hard decision on what to take because as a freshman, biology was required, and as a sophomore, chemistry was required. However, junior year, a student had many options. Some opted for Earth Space or Physics. Human Anatomy and Biology 2 were also offered.

Classes that gained popularity this year were computer classes. Many students flocked to take these courses so they could have a background in typing.

In addition, a new computer club was introduced to VHS. This club gave students opportunities to create web pages, design computer games, build and program robots, and even compete in programming competitions.

Math, Science, Computers

"Men love to wonder, and that is the seed of science"
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Can I have your digits?

"This year math has been a rollercoaster ride with many ups and downs."
- Steve Rodich '03

"Algebra II is a hard class, so be prepared to study!"
- Jenn Hennessy '03

"Even though Algebra II might not be the most enjoyable class, I did learn a lot."
-Josh Wendrix '03

Seniors Paul Anderson, and Kyle Liedtke, and junior Brian Breen use a pulley system during another lab.

"Physics has become one of my favorite classes cause the labs are fun and interesting."

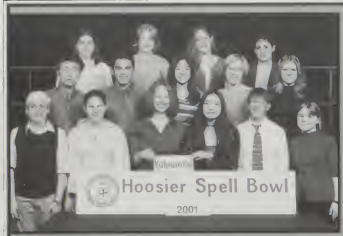
~ Ashley Hall '03

Senior Hector Marchand says of Applied Physics, "As my knowledgable professor, "Mr. Midnight Oil" says "WATT?. . . I don't know you tell me?"

top 5 Reasons to take a Computer Class

5. Minimal Homework
4. Gives you a break in your schedule.
3. The practice will help you write papers quickly.
2. Helps you with future jobs.
1. Everything is or will be on computers in the future so it is important to have some kind of experience in the field.

Junior Kristen Klazura types away at her computer during her keyboarding class. "I learned how to type the right way which helps me with papers," Klazura stated.



Spell Bowl: Row 1- Katie Fodness, Ella Rose Chary, Jennifer Sherbak, May Kwok, Brad Martz, Shawn Barnes Row 2- Winston Lin, Ken Allen

Elise Magno, Lindsay Cronk, Rachel Crouch, Maureen McShane, Brittan Schroeder, Nissa Clark, Sarah Asher

Quiz Bowl: Participants study in the media center before boarding the bus to their next competition.

Science Olympiad: Students participating in science olympiad wait for instruction at the state finals held at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Brad Martx, Jen Sherbak, Katie Fodness, and Brittan Schroeder study their words before competition.

Academic clubs gave opportunities to compete and to have fun. While much success was earned, many believed that even more fun was had in the process.

"We had an incredible sense of team unity this year. We had new coaches this year, and we were able to use our past experiences to do our best, in practice and competitions," Carolyn Hahn exclaimed about Science Olympiad.

Whether dreamers or builders, Science Olympiad was dependent on all three for success. Some of the events relied on studying, while others would be judged on model or robotics. Academic Decathlon is another club that gave opportunities to compete in many scholarly activities.

"We had an incredible sense of team unity." ~ *Carolyn Hahn ('03)*

"We study different subjects like literature, math, and economics. We also gave two speeches, one prepared and an impromptu speech," stated Ann Sutherland.

The team finished in fourth place at the state competition.

" The Brains "

"Science is the mother of invention."

spell bowl

Lindsay Cronk dominated the regional match by only missing one word. Only Brad Martz and Rachel Crouch topped this showing on the squad.

"I enjoyed being with a group of people I really got to know well. I had a lot of fun participating as well." Rachel Crouch, 02

Winston LIn takes a much needed rest after competing at state. The team placed seventh at the state competition.

Nate Johnson, Chuck Szrom, and Ali Ahmed go at the round table discussion. Liz Weiss also contributed in a beneficial manner for the quiz bowl participants.

Chuck Szrom looks for some support from teammates during the competition.

The hard work is awarded in the form of this trophy .

top mind games

5. Quiz Bowl. Got the knowledge ? Go for this.
4. Spell Bowl. Spell this, yo: hepatitis
3. Academic Superbowl. Do you have what it takes?
2. Science Olympiad. The tradition, the honor.
1. Decathlon. Champion is the world's fittest mind

Science Olympiad members pose for a picture at Showalter Fountain on the IU campus in Bloomington.

the performers...

Hit Cavinder performs in *The Battle of the Bands.* This talented group started out with a gritty sound then showed a softer side with their acoustic guitars and vocals. *Hit Cavinder* competed against four different bands and ended up winning.

The citizens of the Emerald City anticipate the appearance of the Wiz played by Nick Greiner. Drama Club staged the annual fall play in November.

Seniors Allison Hupp, Lindsay Wilczynski, and junior Drew Nellessen perform in *The Wiz. The Wiz* was directed by Mrs. Gambel.

Art and drama classes offered students outlets for creative expression. Drama club met once a month. At the meetings, they discussed upcoming performances and character roles.They performed *Mocha Madness, April Antics, and The Wiz.*

In addition, the sophomores and freshmen had their very own variety show this year. It was used as a fundraiser for the Creative Musical Theater Class.

Mrs. Gambel stated that if the show was a success, it would be held every other year. As a club, they took trips to Chicago to see Second City.

"In a perfomance, you have to have faith in yourself. If you think you can't do something, you won't."
~ Drew Nellessen, 03'

Mocha Madness, directed by Mr. John Brady and produced by Alice Gambel, provided students interested in improv a chance to develop their skills and participate with an audience. Junior Mandy Wilczynski said, "There was a whole lot more to putting on a show that most people were aware of."

In the field of art, students could choose from jewelry, ceramics, computer graphics, painting, drawing, photography, and sculpture.

"Photography gave you a chance to express yourself artistically even if you didn't have a talent such as drawing," senior Jill Ripley said. Ripley also took art foundations, jewelry, and computer graphics. She hopes to study photography at Ball State University in Muncie.

Lights, Camera, Action

"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep ."~ *Scott Adams*

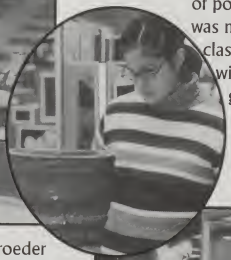
the photographers

"We don't have this kind of class back in Estonia. It was a new experience."
~ Rasmus Kuklane-12

"It's one of our favorite classes because you get a new perspective on life through the lense. And, the dark room is cool."
~Brittany Allen and Lauren Johnson- 11

"Photography class is all about the atmostphere."
~Austin Barsophy-11

Senior Cindy Schroeder diligently works on cutting linoleum. Schroeder was picked this year for the advanced placement art class.



Sophomore Lindsey Stout critiques a piece of pottery. The figure was made in ceramics class and was covered with different acrylic glazes to give it color.

Junior Betsy Wonsetler looks at a display case during the *This Is Our Story* program.

top 5 Reasons to take an Art class

5. It allows you to use your imagination.
4. There are many art classes to choose from.
3. The atmophere is relaxed.
2. You meet lots of new people.
1. It relieves stress from your everyday schedule.

Junior Michael Bianco and sophomore Dan Owen discuss a painting. Art class offered a way for them to relax from homework.

the team...

Valenian Staff L-R: Keara Orton, Lauren Smith, Erica Anderson, Emily Publicover, Sarah Bartley, Brad Martz. Not pictured: Julia Harkel

Viking Press Staff L-R: Dylan Terrell, Emily Brown, Keara Orton, Courtney Biggs, Bill Boy, Chris Krupchak, Claire Kaup, Randah Atassi, Derek Smith, Sarah Coggins, Jill Ripley.

Viking Press members (L-R) Randah Atassi, editor Derek Smith and design editor Chris Krupchak enjoy pizza and celebrate the completion of December issue. The paper produced eight monthly issues during the year.

When it comes to writing, many teenagers groan. But not the members of *Viking Press* and *Valenian.*

"I love writing and the opportunity to bring my fabulous articles to the masses," stated senior *Viking Press* staff member Sarah Coggins.

The staffs of Viking Press and Valenian worked hard to give their fellow classmates a top of the line newspaper and yearbook to save their memories forever. Determined to continue the excellent tradition, members endeavored to write their best.

Senior Emily Publicover, a Valenian staff member, said, "I enjoy working on the yearbook. I've been involved since eighth grade and have always liked it." "I want to write and be read, and hopefully be moderately respected by the nation as a whole," commented senior Jason Cook.

"I love to write, and Viking Press gives me a pretty large audience to write to."
~Bill Boy (12)

Through all the work, the staff did have some fun too. When successful at meeting a deadline they sometimes reward themselves by having pizza. Also, each staff had its own Christmas party, which became an annual event.

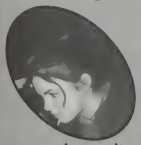
The two staffs were under the supervision of Gordana Sormaz, who has been the advisor for five years.

"Working on the *Valenian* and *Viking Press* gaves students opportunities to exercise creativity," stated Ms.Sormaz.

The Write Way

Valenian and VP united

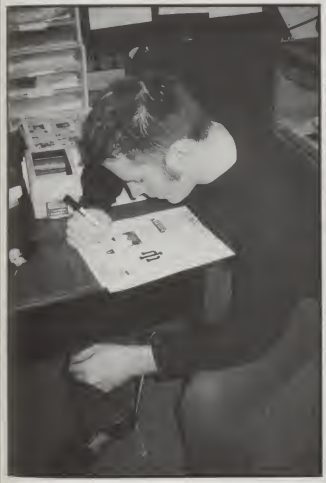
So you say...



"I want to be a writer, so being in Viking Press has definitely benefited me."
~Emily Brown (12)

"Valenian has given me the chance to elaborate on my writing ability."
~Sarah Bartley (12)

"VP has given me the opportunity to express my feelings and beliefs on various subjects."
~Keara Orton (11)



Senior jack-of-all-trades, Emily Publicover pauses for a moment while working on the senior album section.

Senior Dylan Terrell edits copy for the December issue of the Viking Press.

top 5 Reasons to Write

5. It's tons of fun!
4. Barbara Walters is my idol.
3. I want to be a journalist.
2. I love to write.
1. You make life-long friends. (see below)

Viking Press members have their annual Christmas party.

The Mock Trial...

Amy Fortner and Jen Sherbak carry in boxes of files before they compete at a meet. The competitors were given 45 minutes to prepare for a speech from the information in their files.

The girls of the Mock Trial (left to right) bottom row-Ellie Schreiner, Julie Weiss, Randah Atassi, Liz Weiss top row-Jon O'Hara, Claire Kaup, Katy Robinson, and Nora Veil

Junior Pavan Rao, Senior Liz Weiss, and Junior Anoop Appannagari pose together at a meet. Weiss attended Speech & Debate Nationals this summer.

Getting up in front of a group of people and speaking was one of the top fears at VHS. Speech students had a passion for speaking about various topics from current events to acting out a dramatic scene from Shakespeare. The speeches were even funny. In an interpretive speech, the speaker was given a word, and had 30 seconds to prepare themselves, and talk about that word for 5 minutes. The Speech Team had an annual State Meet, where they were judged on their poise, volume, vocabulary choice, and construction of speech.

"Academically Speech & Debate is a great learning experience, and it's fun to do."

~Dr. Stuber

Dr. Larry Stuber was the coordinator for the mock trial and debate teams. In a mock trial, cases were used and they varied from year to year. A different part of the law was examined every year as well. This year they used a murder case. Students received a part to be played out. Parts ranged from lawyers down to witnesses.

In debate, topics ranged to fit the current issue for that period of time. This year, the team debated over foreign policies. During a meet, they would meet with four different opponents and argue for or against the resolution that was agreed upon before the competitions. At the end of a meet, the students with the most wins were given awards.

Speech, Debate & Trial

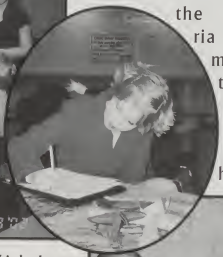
the team

"I got involved with forensics because of my brother and sister. I'm glad I did because forensics rocks the house. You should join, cough, hint, hint."
~Julie Weiss - 11

"I love interpretive speech events because it blends a dramatic production with literature."
~Ms. Carlberg - Speech Coach

"Mock Trial was the most exciting thing I have done with school. We had such a great time and I learned so much about the legal system."
~Nora Vail - 10

Before the Mock Trial, the girls discuss and go over the case. Long hours were spent preparing for the weekend trials.



Junior Katy Robinson studies in the Concord cafeteria during the mock trial district meet. She was preparing for the next round of her case.

Junior EllaRose Chary was awarded the Speech & Debate Scholarship, which allowed her to attend a camp in Bloomington to learn more about critical thinking and speaking.

top 5 Reasons to Argue

5. You can express your opinions.
4. It's fun to get your way.
3. You can end up meeting new people.
2. Some people look cute when they get mad.
1. It's fun making up!

Members of the Debate team huddle together before their meet. Spirit bracelets were made for good luck.

Club Fun...

The Interact Club is involved with many activities. They included carving pumpkins with the eldery, holding a food and coat drive, and being involvedwith Christmas in April.

Lauren Schroeder, Kati Rush, Mallory Parsons, Stephanie Wisner, and Cassie Wells, sell baked goods to raise money for Christmas in April.

Senior Cory Kennedy buys cookies at the Key Club bake sale. "The bake sales were always good after lunch and the cookies were cheap," said Kennedy.

A good way to lend a helping hand was through clubs. Both Interact and Key Club were alike in the fact that they were service clubs.

Key Club was involved with Kiwanis while Interact Club was involved with Rotary. Treasurer Ben Dougherty said, "I think Key Club is one of the things that have made my time here at VHS enjoyable."

Many students devoted their time preparing and helping with activities. The clubs were involved with activities from spaghetti dinners for marathon runners, to reading books to children at the Popcorn Festival. They also gift wrapped at Barnes and Noble, and parked cars at SELF school events.

"I joined PRIDE Club because it was a way to directly impact the community."

~ *Lindsay Cronk - 12*

The VHS halls were always decorated with posters and announcements. Many of the posters throughout the halls were created by PRIDE Club. PRIDE Club's main goal was to stand up against drunk driving. They made colorful posters to inform students. They also held awareness drives concerning the dangers of ecstacy and alcohol. They shared their information at the middle schools too.

Key Club Unlocked

Members of the Club

"It's an opportunity to meet new people and help people in the school and community."
~ Lisa Knauff - 12

"It's a great club with great people where you learn how to volunteer for others and also grow as an individual."
~ Marion Marcenac - 11

"I think it's great that Key Club gives back to the community."
~ Anoop Appannagari - 11

Senior Kristen Duis buys a ticket for the King of Hearts dance. The theme this year was "Famous Hollywood Couples." Many Key Club members devoted their lunch hours to selling tickets.

Junior Katie Pritchett and sophomore Megan Geissler sell suckers together during lunch. "Key Club is tons of fun and you learn a lot about teamwork," said Geissler.

Key Club offers an annual Halloween Party for children. Junior Marion Marcenac, dressed as a cat, helped a young girl decorate spooky cookies.

top 5 Activites of Key Club

5. **Peer Tutoring -** Members help students with their homework.
4. **Crop Walk-** A 2 mile walk to raise money for hunger
3. **Bell Ringing -** Members collect donations while ringing the bell for the Salvation Army.
2. **Halloween Party -** A fun filled night for children including games, snacks, and crafts.
1. **King of Hearts Dance -** Key Club hosts the annual Valentine's Dance

Key Club Officers: Vice President Danny Gantzer and Treasurer Ben Dougherty. (Not Pictured President Jen Claypool)

Council Activities...

Mr. Weiss awards Adam Battista and Principal Ken Brist a check to VHS, donated by Wise Way. With the check, Student Council was able to purchase equipment for the media center.

Adam Battista, Ryan Malone, and Allison Wade group together after the candlelight ceremony during State Convention. "The candlelight ceremony was very touching," said junior Erica Boys.

Seniors Paul Danielson, Erica Anderson, and Mandy Shearer prepare gifts for the Christmas Gift Drive. The gifts were given to the needy families in the Valpo area.

Student Council has always been a very active organization. This year VHS hosted the annual Indiana Student Council State Convention. Schools from all over Indiana gathered together for a weekend full of fun. The students were housed at the homes of Valpo Student council members. That was one of the many ways in which students met new people. Student Council members put in long hours of preparing for workshops and activities. There was also a Fun Night for the students. They could dance, listen to live music while drinking coffee, play games, chat amongst themselves, and much more.

"This year's activities were very productive. We were able to raise a lot of money."

~Mr. Hershberger

National Honors Society consisted of juniors and seniors. Teachers voted on eligible students who were involved in clubs or sports, and also had a 3.5 or higher grade point average. The National Honor Society was involved in a book move and flower sale. At the book sale, a room full of books was moved over to Valparaiso University by members of National Honor Society. The money from the purchased books went to charity and two scholarships for students from the organization, National Honor Society. This year, David Tomes and Jessica Scott were awarded a scholarship of five hundred dollars each.

Student Council & NHS

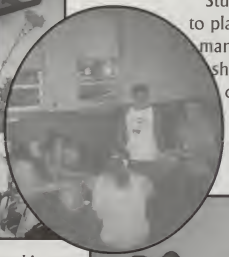
students

"Being in National Honor Society helped me to develop my personality and become a better person with better morals."
~Kara Poncek - 11

"This year was huge for Student Council. We worked hard on State Convention and it turned out to be a big success."
~Liz Neal - 11

"Being in National Honor Society is a great honor and a privilege. I am excited to be in it."
~Bruce Whitehead - 11

Senior Lauren Moneski sorts out National Honors Society flowers for Valentine's day. Red, pink, and white carnations were sold for $1 each. The colors represented love, sercret admirer, or friends.



Students work together to plan for one of the many interactive workshops at Student Council State Convention.

At Challenge Leadership, Student Council members take part in teambuilding activities.

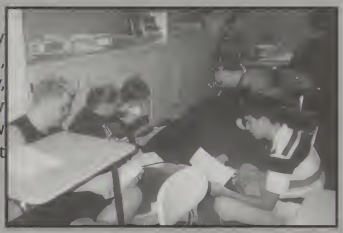
top 5 Reasons to be in NHS

5. You get a ribbon and a nice pin!
4. Your name is announced over the intercom.
3. You are chosen by teachers.
2. It is an incredible honor.
1. It looks good on college applications.

Senior NHS member, Sara Hill, sorts out flowers to be delivered to students during class.

History of the World.

In world history II, juniors Jillian Rau, Claire Kaup, Rob Brown, and Jamie Rigoni study for a test.



Working on the spy project during class, juniors Jordan Grey, Ashley White, Emily White, and Drew Svilar try to figure out who the spy is.

World History II students Kelly McGowan and Jennifer Cramer work on an assignment during class.

"Histories make men wise; poets witty; the mathematics, subtle; natural philosophy, deep; moral, grave; logic and rhetoric, able to contend." Francis Bacon.

History has taught us about achievements and blunders. So, by being required to take Social Studies classes students further their knowledge of our government and historical events.

One of the extracurricular clubs was Model UN. In Model UN, members replicated what the real UN does by voting on different topics.

"FEC is like seeing the world through someone else's eyes."

~Mrs. Tobon

Another club that was offered was the Foriegn Exchange Club. This club according to sponsor Mrs. Tobon was like, "Seeing the world through someone else's eyes."

Valparaiso High School offered a variety of history classes which stimulate the minds of young learners. Some of these classes included: world histories, US histories, Econ, government and geography.

"I think I would take history classes even if they weren't required," stated freshman Chris Nicholas."Why you ask?, it is simple, I think that some events of the past are exciting."

Social Study Clubs

Model UN, Foreign Exchange Club, and History teach students needed knowledge.

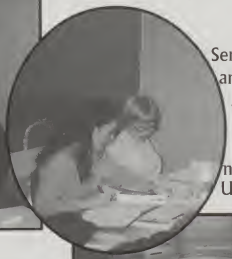
F.E.C. Faces

"F.E.C. was a good thing for me because I got to meet a lot of different people from different countries."
~ Hussam Khoury-9

" I have had a lot of fun in the Foreign Exchange Club."
~ Kevin Yu - 9

"Foreign Exchange Club was something I am glad I did, and I am looking forward to doing it next year."
~ Mike Wells - 9

Model UN members partake in a vote. Different members would represent different countries and vote on various topics.



Senior Lindsey Cronk and Senior Katherine Johnson work diligently while the competition takes a nap during a model UN meeting.

Model UN members pose for a picture on the bus ride. Bus rides were a time to relax, listen to some music, and mentally prepare for the upcoming sessions.

top 5

reasons to take a History class

5. You can learn about the history of the world.
4. The teachers are fun.
3. You may want to study it in the future.
2. It may help in a game of Trivial Pursuit.
1. You have to take them to graduate.

Senior Liz Uzelac and Sophomore Neena Phadke dicuss a problem presented to them.

the officers...

German club officers: President Jamie Mooney, Vice-President Allison Wade, Secretary Natalie Karas, Treasurer Nick Rocchio, Historian Kristen Rottinger (not pictured)

Spanish club officers:
Top Row (left to right) Treasurer Nora Vail, Mrs. Waters, Co-vice president Megan Ennes, photographer Rachel Dunlop, Mrs. Burbrink
Secretary May Kwok, Co-president Sarah Coggins, Co-President Nicole Macaluso, Co-Vice president Regan Casey

French club officers: Treasurer Heather Dost and not pictured (President Sarah Hill, Vice-President Nicole Hillsland, and Secretary Rachel Tipton

Officers of the Latin club are Co-Consuls Tim Madden and Stephanie Sarver, Scriba Rebekah Porter, and First year tribunes Catherine Pierce and Richard Scuderi (both not pictured).

Foreign language classes have alwa been a part of student schedules. Stu dents could choose from Spanish, Frenc Japanese, German and Latin. Some ded cated students took International Bacca laureate classes in foreign language a well.

It was possible for students to take u to five years of a foreign language sinc many started at the middle school leve

Many students that studied a foreig language joined corresponding extracur ricular clubs where they learned mor about cultur and tradi tions.

"The best was making Spanish Videos." ~ *Jason Cook-('02)*

"Ger man was a language tha allowed me to talk to the Germans when I vis ited during spring break," stated fourth year student Danielle Nunnelly.

Third year student Pat Quinn enjoyed his studies of Latin.

"I will need this in my years to come a Purdue learning dental terms and read ing Latin books of love," stated Quinn.

Students enjoyed taking field trips to places where they could enjoy the cul ture. For example, the French classes took a trip to see *Les Miserables* in Chicago.During the spring, they traveled to Chicago to eat at Bistro 110, an authen tic French restaurant in the city.

Foreign Language

Can you speak it?

parlez-vous francais?

"My mom is a French teacher. Why would I take a different language?"
~ Chelsea Corneil-10

"I needed 3 years of a foreign language and I disliked Spanish."
~ Jen Boooker- 11

"I have been taking French for four years now, and it gets better every year."
~ Deidra Paitsell- 11

Frau Bowman assists junior Adrian Demko in class. Teachers were always available if students needed help.

Spanish students Taylor Thatcher, Lauren Ostrowski, Angie Gaught, Benjamin Milanowski, Regan Casey, and Mrs.Frataccia celebrate "Dios de los Muertos".

French Club members Sarah Hill, Jessica Scott, and Dave Hoffman sell bake goods to raise money for French scholarships.

top 5

reasons to take a foreign language

5. You can make foreign movies .
4. You can talk to people in a different language.
3. You get to learn about other countries.
2. Visit other countries during spring break
1. Pick up foreign chicks

Andy Steiner and Nate Johnson take a break during Spanish V.

Multicultural Club...

Freshman Crystal Aguirre smiles for a picture with her partner from the Merrillville High School exchange. Many students vowed to keep in touch and exchanged phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

Samantha Yu of Xinchang High School in China shows freshmen Crystal Handing and Yanaira Lebro'n how to use chopsticks. The chopstick lessons were just one of the many activities the Multicultural Club did this year.

Students from VHS and MHS gather for a meeting at the end of the exchange day. The students discussed the day and the possibility of future exchanges.

Each Wednesday after school a group of students came together to talk about trips, prepare for skits, and yes, even learn chopstick etiquette. Multicultural Club members learned firsthand about other races and cultures while those in HERD Club went out into the community to teach about cultural differences.

HERD stood for Helping Educate Racial Differences, a goal the club presented to 2nd graders at various elementary schools in Valparaiso. Members wrote, planned and performed skits to help the children understand differences between races. Like HERD, Multicultural Club also took trips to other schools, but for the purpose of learning rather than teaching. The group took one such excursion in March when they visited Merrillville High School. Each student attended classes with a MHS student to experience another school's environment. At the end of the day students from both schools met to discuss the day. "Feedback from the students was positive. We all got something out of it... this was definitely something we could do more often," said sponsor Mrs. Stoltzfus.

"I thought the trip was fun and I would go again. It was just a good experience." ~

CrystalAguirre, ('05)

pitching in & helping out

H.O.P.E. and Earth Awareness Club

The best part of E.A.C. is...

"Improving our planet and school at the same time." ~ *Jennifer Keller ('03)*

"Going on the canoeing and hiking trip in Minnesota."~ *Margie Michna ('03)*

"Learning about and helping the environment is both fun and challenging."~ *Steve Brown ('03)*

Earth Awareness Club members Shannon Marcotte and Margie Michna stay after school to help recycle. Every Thursday they took care of the aluminum, plastic, and paper recyclables.

Kevin Lomas, Matt Howie, and Mike Sciarra pose for a picture on the Peer Tutoring trip

EAC members smile for the camera at Lake Michigan. The club spent "international beach clean-up day" working to keep the beach beautiful.

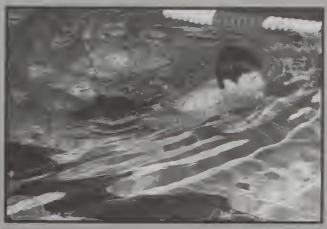
top 5

Reasons to be in HOPE Club

5. Helping other people excel
4. Working together
3. The fun activities
2. Making new friends
1. Being able to make a difference

Tim Lozny, Rachel Cayia, Aaron Yovern, and Allison Hupp stop by Abercrombie & Fitch on a trip to the mall.

The Activities...



Dave Anderson swims down the lane during swim class. This class taught different swimming strokes as well as safety.

Seniors Alicia Hall, Ashley Lakin, and Alexandra Langer study before they cook in Home EC. The class had book work along with the cooking.

Mr. Hoffman lectures to his health class. The course was a requirement for graduation.

During high school, students partake in different school activities. Some of these included: home economics, intramurals, health classes, and physical education. Two of these courses were required by the high school, but others were taken by students for pure enjoyment and educational purposes. Freshmen were expected to take a year of PE, and most took a Health class too. Home Ec was a staple in the student schedule. Students could choose foods and nutrition and child development. Lastly, intramurals provided students a chance to compete in sports they enjoyed.

"Basketball ruled!
"Ben VanLaan ('02)

"Intramural basketball was something every team looked forward to because no matter if you won or lost, you still had fun. Unless you fell victim to bad officiating," stated Ben VanLaan.

"P.E. offered a variety of activities, hopefully appealing to a wide range of students. Speed-away was possibly the greatest game this world knew, encompassing several skills, such as, throwing, running, blocking, etc. A key factor of success was quick, decisive plays with many options to rock the other team," stated teacher John Cook.

Active Learning

Can you keep the pace of P.E., Home Ec., Health, and Intramurals?

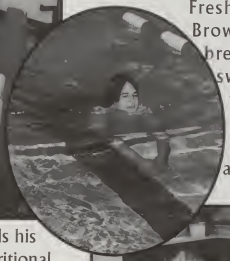
Intramural Basketball

"Even though the season was cut short it still was competitive and worthwhile." ~ *Walt Booker ('04)*

"This Intramural season was the best that I have played in, our team was successful and fun to compete with." ~ *Jeff Klancer ('02)*

"This season was my season, because I knew that no one could stop me." ~ *Tim VanLaan ('04)*

Junior Ben Potts bench presses in his weight training class. Most football players took this class during the year.



Freshman Peter Brown learns the breast stroke in swim class. This was one of many strokes learned in swim class along with water safety.

Isreal Barrios leads his group during nutritional studies. Barrios used the knowledge from this class to improve his performance during wrestling.

top 5 P.E. classes and stuff

5. Weight training/ 5-Alive: best drink
4. Advanced Basketball/ Fievel: Best character
3. Freshmen P.E./ *Hawaii Five-0*: Best TV show
2. Dance/ Hi-5: best hand gesture
1. Gymnastics/ 5-hole: best hole

Mrs. Cook teaches her class important swimming tactics. Swimming was required as part of P.E.

on a quest...

Senior Kelly Deal expresses her feelings on junior Steve Baker's baby pictures. The quest class was working on a project which involved family pictures.

Mr. Gutierrez gathers his Quest class together for picture.

Seniors Diamond Paschal, Alex Karamesines, and Jon Krysa sing Happy Birthday to Junior Michelle Sullivan on her Quest Birthday.

A weekend away from Valpo, not knowing where you're going, not knowing what you're going to be doing, not knowing who is going to be done to you. Many wonder what goes on behind the scenes at a Natural Helper's retreat.

Students are given a piece of paper in the beginning of the year and are asked to place the names of three friends on it. The friends should be ones whom they can talk to when he/she has a problem. From the names given, a select number of people are chosen to attend these retreats.

"Going on Natural Helpers was one of the best things that could have ever happend to me; I learned so much and made some really good friendships." ~Chelsea Bigott ~03'

"It was a phenomenal, heart-warming experience that teaches people what is important in life versus what people think is important," said VHS English teacher Mrs. Jen Carlberg.

Ever wonder why high school students walked around the school blindfolded? That's just one activity that quest students participate in during the semester long class. Many juniors and seniors take this class. It allows you to express your feelings and have fun at the same time.

Another part of Quest that many students like are Quest birthdays. In the beginning of the semester, a student can pick a day for their Quest birthday. On Quest birthdays, students are serenaded and given a cupcake. Positive things are spoken of them by classmates.

"Quest birthdays are the coolest. Getting those nice compliments from everyone in the class makes you feel really special. I guess that's what Quest is all about," said junior Michelle Sullivan.

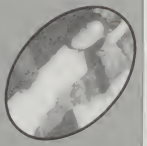
Tree Huggers

"The most important thing you can give a person is a chance."

meet the helpers...

"Natural Helpers was, without a doubt, the best weekend of my life. The bond created was like no other."
~Kate Tavernier '03

"Natural Helpers made me more appreciative of my friends and family."
~Dustin Bow '03



"It was truly the best weekend of my life. I got the chance to learn a lot about some really cool people and myself."
~Charlena Dan '03

Winter retreat participants come together for a group hug.

"Natural Helpers was a great experience and being on Rainbow Staff was even better. I was blessed with a fabulous group. They were all really sweet people," Senior Katie Collins said.

The retreats fostered harmony and unity.

top 5

reasons to keep it a secret

5. Something everyone wants to know.
4. Makes everything more special.
3. Makes you more excited.
2. It allows you to use your imagination.
1. ANTICIPATION!

Winter retreatants enjoy the outdoors on a hike in the wilderness.

the singers...

WOMEN'S CHORUS
Front row (l-r)- Stephanie Swets, Michelle Hobbs. First row- Rachel Weidiman, Mary McMullan. Rayanna Tressler, Emily Stark, Emily Mateer, Alyse Kupsis, Jessica Bucks, Juila Wisner, Brita Norberg, Neena Phadke, Becky Crumpacker, Jillian Doneske, Lauren Taylor, Ruth Garza, Second row- Ashlee White, Kara McDaniels, Amanda Krupinski, Erika Groves, Marisa Hansel, Cara Kern, Kelly McGowan, Rachael Hardesty, Lauren Smith, Kate Stevick, Ellen Parker, Tara Beverly, Rachelle Steggerda, Laura Wheat, Sarah Robb, Libby Brown, Breanne Pynakker. Third row- Mrs. Letcher, Brandy Parker, Danielle Odar, Noel Thompson, Christina McLane, Sara Tylec, Ashley Matthiesen, Betsy Burke, Emily Garritson, Megan Overbey, Abby Schmidt, Lauren Thomas, Colleen Casey, Laura Hill, Michelle Maynard, Mrs. Schonbachler

MEN'S CHORUS
First row (l-r)-Tony Tratar, Steve Howell, Pat Yokovich. Second row- Marc Garza, Bill Cross, Jason Heroldt, Jonathon Lambeth, Micah Moore. Third row- Mrs. Carol Lecther, Leon Garrison, Craig Conn, Justin Duncan, Craig VanSoet, Neil Davey, Mrs. Schonbachler

MIXED CHORUS:
first row (l-r) Diana Esparaza, Lisa Weller, Kara MacLean, Raka Kingsland, Emily Rogers, Marc Garza, Sam Khoury, Stephanie Thomas, Lauren Taylor, Amanda Parry, Megan Revette, Crystal Handing, Liz Listman. Second row- Mrs. Carol Letcher, Megan Thomas, Katy Kelly, Belinda Eichelberg, Nikki Melendez, Stewart Tyler, Chris Wasielewski, Joe Livarchik, Rachel Cicillian, Christina Stanim, Madison Sunnquist, Beth Maack, Tara Davis. Third row- Mrs. Sheperd, Lori Weller, Stephanie Brooks, Kaitlin Henrich, Rachel Martin, Derek Eilts, David Bogan, Ashley Jones, Leanne Richmond, Katie Simpson, Rhea Blasko, Abby Kline, Mrs. Schonbachler. Fourth row- Kate Hood, Whitney Wojtkowski, Rachel Santay, Frances Seller, Laurie Vaughn, Andy Shaw, Damon Goodrich-Houska, Allen Santana, Bailley Wagner, Brittan Schroeder, Hollie Pope, Melissa Springsteen, Jessica Julian

The women's, men's and mixed chorus began the year when they performed for a sold out crowd at the annual fall concert known as "Fall Fantasia" in October.

Led by director Linda Schonbachler, the mixed chorus served as the training choir that prepared students for men's women's and concert choirs.

"Choir has given all of us the chance to grow and mature as singers," said senior Kara MeDaniels.

"Being in choir has given me the opportunity to grow with talent and become a better musician."

~Lauren Smith, 02

Students such as senior Emily Mateer appreciated the skills gained in their choral classes. "Being in choir throughout high school has provided me with sufficient vocal training," said Mateer. Others like singer Lauren Smith appreciated the growth that they experienced . "As a senior, I will miss the opportunity to be in choir as well as the chance to perform," said Smith.

The spring concert was given in May. All the choirs performed. For seniors, it was their last concert as a high school student. For underclassmen, it merely marked the end of another year of performing.

Harmonize

"Music is well said to be the speech of angels." ~ Thomas Carlyle

vocalize...

Members of all three choirs practice before "This Is Our Story."

top 5

Reasons to sing out:

5. Get over stage fright.
4. Show off your given talents.
3. Vocalize your opinion.
2. Earn Mrs. S's adoration for your volume and diction.
1. Help lead your choir to success.

"Being in choir throughout high school has provided me with sufficient vocal training."
Emily Mateer '02

the choirs...

Concert Choir Seated- Michelle Hobbs, Liz Uzelac, Nick Greiner, Allison Hupp, Kyle McKanna, Marie Luongo. First row- Lindsay Wilczynski, Libby Byrum, Heidi McMahan,Amber Littles, Mandy Wilczynski, Michael Hoess, Patrick Cunningham, Ben Cunningham, Megan DeMory, Rachel Crouch, Megan Ennes, Lindsay Carlson, Julia Monacy. Second row- Leanne Lambeth, Samantha Stevenson, Katie Abel, Emily Brown, Abby Staub, Kevin Spoolstra,Ryan Hontz,Steve Tratar, Jared Earhart, Lexie Schroeder,Betsy Wonsetler, Amber Wright, Danielle Nunnelly, Jamie Piatti. Third row- Mrs. Carol Hazen, Lauren Roscoe,Jessica Raschke, Jessica Fasel,Carolyn Hahn, Brittney Nordorf, Steve Howell, Jack Bryant,Drew Nellessen, Bobby Boyd, Derek Eilts,Brett Lundgren,Danielle Zale, Liz Weiss,Amy Eichelberg,Mrs. Linda Schonbachler. Fourth row- Callie Kardos, Brianna Addis, Casha Arzola, Brittany Allen, Adam Schafer, Jon Lambeth, Adam Dravininkas,Chris Frame, Rob Ohrstrom, Pat Yokovich, Neil Davey, Rachel Roberts, Clarie Kaup, Leslie Rieveld, Sara Owall

VarsitySingers Seated- Lindsay Wilczynski, Betsy Wonsettler, Liz Uzelac. Kneeling- Ben Cunningham, Michael Hoess, Nick Greiner, Kyle McKanna. First row- Lindsay Carlson, Megan Ennes, Samantha Stevenson,Libby Byrum, Bobby Boyd,Megan DeMory. Second row- Drew Nellesen, Rachel Roberts, Patrick Cunningham, Mandy Wilczynski, Steve Howell, Danielle Nunnelly, Rob Ohrstrom, Allison Hupp, Ryan Hontz. Fifth row- Michelle Hobbs, Adam Dravinikas, Jack Bryant, Claire Kaup,Chris Frame, Pat Yokovich, Leanne Lambeth, Neil Davey

Humming a tune is not an easy task, though the two time state champion Concert Choir certainly made it appear to be a routine. With over sixty members in the choir, they maintained their championship composure.

Daily rehearsals and long hours after school kept the choir as strong as ever. Led by Mrs. Schonbachler, the choirs ritually practiced a variety of difficult songs and dance routines for the shows they hosted during the year. Thirty of the Concert Choir members comprised the dancing and singing combination, the Varsity Singers. The Varsity Singers performed a variety of different shows including the annual Strongbow's Inn and the opening act to the Popcorn Fest. The concert choir placed 5th in the ISSMA state finals held at Warren Central High. They were one of the top 16 choirs in the state that competed at the competition.

> **"Choir combines all kinds of different people. It's very diverse,"**
>
> *Ryan Hontz~02*

Schonbachler's concert choirs have made it to state competition eleven times in the past 12 years.

Notable

"Where words fail, music speaks."
~Hans Christian Anderson

sing it...

"Concert choir and Varsity singers are great opportunities for students "~ *Adam Dravinikas- senior*

"Being in choir has really given me a number of strong friend-ships" *~ Jack Bryant- junior*

"Concert Choir is a true honor to be a part of." *~ Samantha Stevenson- senior*

Varsity Singers Betsy Wonsetler and Drew Nelleson perform their dance duet for the Strongbow show.

Concert Choir performs on the second night of the annual city wide program *"This Is Our Story"*

At their annual performance at the Strongbow Inn show, the Varsity Singers entertain a sell out crowd for the holiday season.

top 5

Reasons to be in Concert Choir & Varsity Singers

5. Making new friends
4. Learning to read music
3. Performing for an audience
2. Getting over stage fright
1. Becoming a better musician

Mrs. Schonbachler leads the Concert Choir during a rehearsal to prepare for a concert.

the orchestras...

Chamber Orchestra-
First row (l-r)-Kevin O'Hara, Melissa Walker, Rajiv Kumar, Marie Luongo, Jessica Raschke, Lindsay Cronk, Leslie Vittetoe, Emily Brown, Ivo Rozendaal, Second Row- Kelly McGowan, Sarah Philipps, Ruth Foelber, Amber Wright, Sean Whittaker, Josie Virgil, Sarrah Chetham, Brent Nyberg, Cassandra Tran, Marel Wandasiewitz, Ryan VanCleef, Steve Howell, Adam Schafer, Chris Frame, Third row- Malanna Tressler, Mike Ghilardi, Mollie Knox, Lauren Jones, Dorrie Blando, Autmn Hunt, Stephanie Jakich, Sara Swinehart, Rachel Kenis, Heather Wickstrom, Kevin Ludwig, Adam Cronk, Clarie Kaup, Katie Abel, Fourth row- Mr. Tim Kopf, Austin Yim, Winston Lin, Dan Abel, Eric Izynski, Zack Waisaneni, Tim Rickard, Brett Townsend, David Price, not pictured- Michael Bianco

Concert Orchestra-
First row- (l-r) Celina Mayrosh, Jenna Corros, Megan Dock, Angela Fitzgerald, Marissa Flynn, Alexa Kuklies, Bill Allen, Nora Vail, Erica Fischer, Second row- Lindsey Stout, Katie Slack, Jessie Grskovic, Ryan Raelson, Sam Price, Anna Mangel, Alicia Ellenberger, Perrine Marcenac, Kristen Dimitroff, Robin Yim, Michael Linert, Third row- Sabrina Kunz, Samantha Seeger, Lindsay Johnston, Michelle Phelps, Allison Neuberg, Katie Franz, Courtney Blomquist, Emily Phillips, Eric Leland, Mollie McGown, Brandon Tran, Fourth row- Karin Mick, Stacey McGuirl, Jenna Perry, Mrs. Galbiati, Mr. Kopf, Mike Pejoski, David Price

Orchestra director Tim Kopf directs his Chamber and Concert orchestras in the annual *"This Is Our Story"* concert.

Walking down the hallways, d you ever hear the soothing sounds the violin, the cello, or the viol Well, if you did, those were the soun of the Concert and Chamber orche tras.

The Concert orchestra consiste mostly of underclassmen; while th Chamber orchestra usually consiste of upperclassmen. The Chamber o chestra was chosen by auditions.

Every year, the orchestras pe formed four to five concerts. Som of the concerts were *This Is Our Story*, Solo and Ensemble, and the spring concert .

"With all of the stress in an average school day, orchestra is a great class to simply relax and make music. That, and we get to wear feisty, feisty dresses!"
~ Clarie Kaup,'03

In addition, to raise money for th orchestras, members held their 6t annual pizza dinner at the hig school.

String It Up

"Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent."
~Victor Hugo

meet the musicians

"Don't think the music; feel the music. Thinking only causes you to mess up!" ~*Robin Yim*

"Orchestra lets me relax after a long day. It lets me get my true feelings out" ~*Dorrie Blando, '04*

"Orchestra has been one of the biggest parts of my life. It is there when I'm upset or happy and always will be."~*Brent Nyberg, '02*

Junior Katie Abel plays the cello in this year's *This Is Our Story* concert. Abel has been playing the cello for ten years.

Junior Josie Virgil performs holiday music along with her fellow orchestra students.

The Chamber orchestra performs the holiday music selection, "Waltz of the Flowers," from the Nutcracker.

top 5

reasons to be in orchestra

5. You learn to read music.
4. You sometimes get an extra study hall in class.
3. You sometimes get to go on cool trips where you stay next to the Circle Center.
2. It's a laid-back atmosphere.
1. You meet a lot of cool people.

Just horsing around, cellist Bill Allen plays the violin while the violinist Ryan Raelson plays bass.

the bands...

Symphonic Band-
First row (l-r)- Matt Hammond, Megan Geissler, Maureen McShane, Cassie Chester, Josh Daugherty, Dana Majewski, Julia Monacy. Second row (l-r)- Julie Martz, Sara Naramore, Jaime Koch, Hilary Ostafinski, Josh Smock, Chris Smith, David Kacmarik, Eric Mentzel, Matt Ray, John Fields, Kurt Westerhausen, John Woods, Kyle Price. Third Row (l-r)- Jene Vaughan, Emily Brown, Kyle Granat, Lindsey Kreps, Sam Stoner, Jon Reinert, Jessica Howell, Erin Ennes, Myles Clarke, Brian Calvert, Matt Turk. Fourth row (l-r)- Patrick Burnell, Brian Schimpf, Andrew Lind, Brad Martz, Ryan Fleming. Fifth row (l-r)- Mr. Daniel Pritchett, Michael Westfall, Ben Gavelek, Levi Cowsert, Nick Armellino, Scott Petersohn, Mr. Miguel Rosario.

Concert Band-
First row (l-r)-Kyle Lee Andrews, Baron Saterbak, Lindsay Pavell, Tami Kearns, Jillian Blakely, Laura Breen, Rebecca Wells, Kirsten Reinhold, Francesca Johnson. Second row (l-r)- Allisa Spelde, Lauren Baker, Sarah Rodenbarger, Elise Snell, Anna Bremer, Elise Magno, Jackie Moeller, Kelly Watkins, Ryan Niketh, Kathryn Dulla, Lauren Nefi, Lydia Karjaka, Michelle Johnson, Kristen Bauschbach. Third row (l-r)- Chelse Nix, Daniel Rosselot, Kira Saary, Natalie Moldstad, Bryan Hughes, Tom Coggins, Geoff Kolodziej, Nicholas Puaca, Brad Horn, Kyle Markovich, Jason Vogelpohl, Laura Williams, Alex Urban, Andrew Goldschmidt, Jamie Catania, Andrew Whitehead. Fourth row (l-r)- Jennifer Peller, Rebekah Kretzman, Mary Fagg, Jennifer Crabtree, Sarah LaRosa, Ben Turk, Scott Izynski, Wyatt Clarke, Melissa Burford, Katie Fodness, James Hockett, Jonatha Ufer, Sam Matias, Luke Grebe, Alex Donkle, Brian Carr. Back row(l-r)- Rachel Kretzmann, Mari McKanna, Andrew Sharpe, Colleen Barry, Elliott Fortin, Mr. Daniel R. Pritchett, Joshua Pritchett, Joshua Kucharyski, Jagan Kamsal, Christopher Nichols, Erin Knauff, Damien Goodrich-Huska, Jonathan Kehe, Aaron Vincel, Ernie Hasselbring, William Neff, Kristine Clarke, Mr. Miguel E. Rosario-Vega, Nate Loden, Ben Malone, Andrew Armour, Tim Rozeendal, Bryan Kelly.

Sophomores Ryan Fleming and Andrew Lind perform with other band members at *This Is Our Story*. Students in Symphonic Band have been in the program for five years.

For some people, this year would be known as a time of firsts. From hearing Mr. Rosario's funny stories to marching at halftime, there were many new things to experience. Students in the VHS Concert and Symphonic Bands had many chances to make the most of their high school years.

As freshmen, the members of Concert Band were able to do many new things. To start with, they received a crash course in marching to prepare for the Popcorn Parade. In addition, they grew musically by beginning to rehearse in class every day.

"It felt good to be at the Dome. It was cool being on the field." ~ Julie Martz, '04

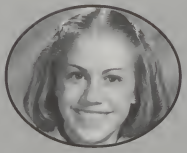
Members of Symphonic Band found this year to be a milestone in their experiences with band. The sophomores had their first chance to perform in the halftime show at home football games. It was a special first season for them because of the trip to the RCA Dome. Despite Valpo's 35-16 loss in the State Championship, performing at the Dome made for an unforgettable night.

harmony*

**definition: 1. a combination of tones pleasing to the ear. 2. unity.*

why are you in band?

"I like to play my clarinet, and I thought it would be a fun class." ~ *Natalie Moldstad ('05)*



"I joined because I like playing percussion. I think it's fun."~ *Erin Knauff ('05)*

"I get to perfect my skills in music and learn to play my trumpet better." ~ *Brad Martz ('04)*

Watching for cues from the conductor, sophomores Jena Vaughan and Emily Brown play in *This Is Our Story.* About 700 students performed each night of the concert.

Sophomore Kyle Price performs at the annual *This Is Our Story* concert. Price adorned his bassoon with garland to get in the holiday spirit.

Freshman Elise Snell brings refreshments to people dining at the Ham Dinner. Nearly seventy students helped to serve more than 2,500 meals.

top 5

things you'll never forget about band

5. Going to the RCA Dome
4. The "band freak" label
3. Playing at football games
2. Just having fun
1. Mr. Rosario's antics

Mr. Rosario smiles at students while conducting at *This Is Our Story.* "We have a lot of fun in his class," stated freshman Natalie Mosldstad.

the bands...

A-Band
First Row (left to right):Susan Strietelmeier, Laurie Gribshaw, Molly McGuigan, Brie Geissler, Krystal Koch, Leanne Lambeth, Lindsey Steinhilber, Julie Szpakowski, Diana Walker, Kari Jennings Second Row:Josh Hanson, Megan Utley, Sarah Walker, Siobhan Casey, Marion Marcenac, Martha Schwehn, Amy Fortener, Christina Bess, Matthew Balon, Ken Watkins,Paul Anderson, Shannon Shapiro, Aleks Karjaka Third Row:Lindsay Mullins, Jennifer Sherbak, Julie White, Kris Kehe, Michael Caristi, Anne Sutherland, John Schwehn, Joy Bowker, David Tomes, Nathan Johnson, Adam Naramore, Courtney Dickinson, Joe Barry, Ryan Anderson Fourth Row:Pat Cunningham, Megan Coulter, Ian Foster, Katie Pritchett, Kelly Patterson, Philip Stuck, George Carberry, Kyle McKanna, Josh Wright, Parker Weber, Tom Westfall, Mitchell Baker, Scott Schoech, Morgan Tilleman Fifth Row:Mr. Daniel R.Pritchett, Angie Martin, Matt McIntire, Keyle Liedtke, Brianna Martinek, Patrick Ludwig, Mr. Miguel E. Rosario-Vega Not pictured: Billy Boy

B-Band
First Row (left to right):Katie Bortel, Leslie Rietuald, Julie Becka, Meghan Kirkpatrick, Caitlin Ufer, Julia Weiss, Holly Coatsolonia Second Row:Allison Knauff, Althea Acosta, Tessa Marshall, Jessie Wheeland, Rachel Kuker, Erin Eickelberry, Kevin Spoolstra, Laura Engerer, Stephanie Young, Kate Robinson Third Row: Megan Wilson, Deanna Hadley, Will Hurst, Amanda Rey, Bruce Whitehead, Mary Kubiszak, Derek Meilaender, Derek Thomas, Brittany Morgan, Tom Benton, Phillip Martin, Zack Carter, Megan Porter Fourth Row: Jennifer Keller, Lindsay Moldstad, Cassie Wells, Elliott Dickinson, Katie Jawkowske, Tyler Miller, Daniel Owen, Nikki Wright, Eric Schoening, Carolyn Hahn, Ken Hough, John Coggins, Jordan Gray Fifth Row: Mr. Daniel R. Pritchett, Robert Witters, Nick Abid, Margaret Michna, Jason Campbell, Ryan Van Cleef, Mr. Miguel E. Rosario-Vega

Directors Mr. Daniel R. Pritchett (left) and Mr. Miguel E. Rosario-Vega (right)

The A and B Bands have remained busy throughout the year. Both bands always played at the half-time show at home games. Fans saw this uniformed green and white group of people and their instruments appear. They were marching in all available parades.

To raise money, they held an annual ham dinner where the band members acted as waiters, bussers and servers in food lines. The money was used to fix instruments and to go on band trips.

"When the band plays, I see everyone perk up as though they had caffeine." ~Brent Nyberg, Senior ('02)

This year the football team was lucky enough to play at the Indianapolis Dome. The loyal bands were right there behind them, rooting all the way.

There were contests among all bands for a first place medal. Those that received one would be honored by playing at a state contest.

Musical Prelude

meeting the band

"I will always remember going to state!" ~ *Brittany Morgan, Junior*

"It's a valuable learning experience, but it allows you to be creative and have fun." ~ *Billy Boy, Senior*

"I enjoy marching band because the hats make me look taller." ~ *Eric Schoening, Junior*

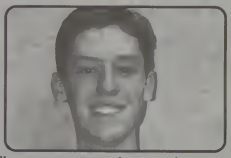
Everyday practice helps improve the A-band's teamwork. "It's fun playing with other people," says Senior Philip Stuck.

Junior Julia Weiss said,"I was totally prepared to beat Ben Davis with my flute if need be."

Everyone can hear the music flowing out on a cool night. "The games are pretty fun, except when it's freezing," said Senior Ken Watkins.

top 5 funniest memories

5. Mr. Pritchett throwing a flying pig at those students that just don't listen.
4. Mr. Rosario's word choices. (Instead of being told to wear a tasteful dress, you must wear a tasty dress.)
3. Julia Weiss changing on the bus.
2. Mr. Rosario's ability to look at any picture of Star Wars and name the episode and what is happening
1. Students left the beat-up percussion car in Mr. Pritchett's driveway for him to find.



There are many interesting experiences in band. Senior Paul Anderson enjoyed the art of sight reading new music.

the bands...

Jazz Ensemble
Front Row (left to right): Amanda Ray, Adam Naramore, David Tomes, Nathan Johnson, Aleks Karjaka, Paul Anderson Second row: Mr. Daniel Pritchett (Director), Kyle McKanna, Tom Westfall, George Carberry, Tom Benton, Brian Calvert Third Row: Josh Pritchett, Kyle Liedtke, Derek Meilaender, Tyler Miller, Brett Townsend, Katie Pritchett, Philip Stuck, Matt Snoeyink, Billy Boy, Kelly Patterson, Patrick Cunningham

Studio Band

Front Row (left to right): Ken Watkins, Althea Acosta, Jen Sherbak, Josh Smock, Derek Meilaender, Diana Walker, Tyler Fields Second Row: Mr. Miguiel Rosario-Vega (Director), Michael Westfall, Ernie Hasselbring, Kevin Spoolstra, Tom Benton, Jon Reinert, Ryan Anderson Third row: Tim Rickard, Andrew Lind, Carolyn Hahn, Brian Schimpf, Anna Dorsch, Brad Martz

Lab Band
Front Row (Left to right): Sean Cunningham, Jason Vogelpohl, Chris Smith, Eric Mentzel, Nicholas Puaca Second Row: Sara Naramore, Lydia Karjaka, Allissa Spelde, Laura Williams, Shannon Shapiro Third Row: Aaron Vincel, Jon Reinert, Wyatt Clarke, Scott Izynski, Katie Fodness, Luke Grebe, Alex Donkle, Miss Annette Munoz(Student teacher) Fourth Row: Mike Pejoski, Diana Walker, Ian Foster, Mari McKanna, Mr. Daniel Pritchett (Director)

It was a very busy year for the jazz bands as they performed in a variety of contests and concerts.

The Jazz Ensemble entertained in *April Antics* and performed in the senior jazz concert.

In addition, a new show was introduced this past year to the lab bands, called the Freshman/Sophomore Variety Show.

Jazz Ensemble was the most advanced class, consisting of juniors and seniors. The juniors had to audition to either be placed in Studio or Jazz Ensemble. Lab band was primarily for freshmen.

"The Jazz Bands allow our students to get introduced to a musical art form that was born in America, it is part of our heritage as a nation."
~ *Mr. Rosario-Vega*

Mr. Pritchett said," The individual skill levels overall seemed to go up a couple of notches this year. The students came to the rehearsals ready to improve their skills and learn! This year was really fun and a joy!"

"The beauty of Jazz was that there was no set limit on how or what you could play. That is why I loved playing drums because the styles, patterns, and fills were endless," stated senior Kyle Liedtke.

The Ener "jazzers"

They keep playing and playing!

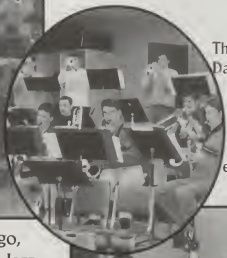
Getting to Know the Bands

"Mr. Pritchett tells us that in order to play Jazz correctly, we have to end each note with our tongue. I always found that difficult to do on the piano."
~ Derek Meilaender-12

" I like Jazz band because I have a lot of friends there, and we don't just make music, we make good music."
~ Pat Cunningham- 12

"The beauty of Jazz is that there is no set limit on how or what you can play. That is why I love playing drums, because the styles, patterns, and fills are endless!"
~ Kyle Liedtke- 12

Slaving over the music, the bands are seen practicing after school. Fun was always the key element for the groups.



The Annual Big Band Dance is always a big event on the agenda. The com munity looked forward to it every year.

No matter where you go, contests still exist. The Jazz bands competed against many other talented groups.

top Quotes

5 "This isn't concert band," Mr. Pritchett says.

4 Although Mr Pritchett loves the band he has said, "It should bug me that you talk so much."

3 The trumpeters were quoted saying, "Flug it up!" Of course they were talking to the Fluglehorns.

2 Often you hear the band members quietly whisper or yell "Aflac!" in a duck voice.

1. "Now do it that way for the rest of your lives!" This is a classic quote from the director.

Music isn't the only thing expressed between members. Andrew Lind and Tyler Miller encouraged each other through tough times.

the squad...

Vikettes- (left to right) Back Row: Chelsea Nix, Amanda Krupinski, Jessica Townsley, Kari Jennings, Erin Eickleberry, Hillary Swardson, Colleen Casey, Mari McKanna, Lindsey Stout. 3rd Row: Sara Turner, Megan Coulter, Lindsay Mullins, Jamie Koch, Kellie Heminger, Becky Godbey, Katie Horne, Julie Szpkowski, Laurie Lucchesi. 2nd Row: Amy Eichelberg, Erika Groves, Stephanie Sharp, Lauren Johnson, Kara Strehler, Meghan Kirkpatrick, Betsy Wonsetler, Katie Salan, Lindsay Gough, Cara Kern. 1st Row: Ansley Williams, Jessica Bucks, Jenna Perry, Molly Evans, Lauren Hyde, Dana Bretz, Rachael Bonich, Mandy Wilczynski.

Varsity Cheerleaders First row (left to right): Seema Kansal, Angie Gaught Second Row: Jackie Scuderi, Amy Bowman, Mallarie Mullen Third row: Heather Plothow, Liz Neal, Meghan Glaser, Jessica Javors

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders First Row: Sarah La Rosh, Second row (left to right): Jill Bennett, Nicole Nuzzo Third row: Danielle Mouch, Molly Colosovino, Megan Caldwell

Put together glittering greens and whites, basket tosses, poms and flag corps -what do you get? VHS's cheerleaders and Vikettes of course!

And what exactly do they do? They were spirit promoters during football and basketball seasons. They motivated the crowd and led chants, along with performing at half-time.

According to cheerleading coach Stephanie Bryan, all this demanded a lot of time, patience, and a high energy level. Cheerleaders and Vikettes practiced constantly to prepare for the next game- reviewing cheers and chants.

"Go big or go home!"

~ Angie Gaught-('02)

Vikettes and cheerleaders attended a summer camp as well.. This is where the girls bonded the most.

" I really got to know everyone on the squad," said Vikette Hillary Swardson.

Sara Turner said, "We are just a group of silly, giddy girls. You gotta love us!" Both squads got to perform at the dome during the state game and they all agreed that it was one of their best performances ever!

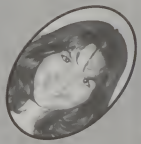
It's SPIRIT time

"To do your best, you've got to try!"
- Jessica Bucks - ('05)

and they say...

"I love the closeness of the girls.... we are all so tight and have so much fun together!"
~ Meghan Glaser-11

" I love the excitement of getting ready for our games and then performing!"
~ Chelsea Nix- 9



"I love to make up our own routines, I had so much fun!"
~ Jessica Townsley- 11

The girls go into one of their favorite formations. They would perform at half-time at the basketball games.

Mallarie Mullen helps cheer on the basketball team.

The Vikettes march in the homecoming parade. This was one of the first events that helped kick off the year.

top 5

pre-game rituals

5. A pep talk and joining their hands in & saying "CGKMA!"
4. Building groups to do a home-made cheer before stunts
3. Stretching and getting pumped up for the game
2. Having tailgate parties
1. Each game Mrs. N calls out "ONE" and they say Singular Sensation!

Liz Neal leads the crowd in a cheer. The cheerleaders provided great enthusiasm for the crowd and team.

athlete profiles

Showing her true green this season was senior Susan Herr- as she prepares and focuses on the hole. She was a key player to this year's success with her 18-hole average, the lowest on the team." I like to compete, I enjoy the sport, and I like to win," Herr said.

Senior Julie White follows through with her swing. White stated, "It's fun and I am good at it."

Sophomore Carrie Ann Kennedy concentrates on the shot at hand. A typical practice for the girls consisted of playing nine holes at Forest Park or Creekside.

"You can never get sick of the game."
~ *Maria Cocciolone*

"We always have a lot of fun, no matter if we win or lose."
~ *Julie White*

"We all did our best!"
~ *Carrie Ann Kennedy*

Sophomore Sara Naramore goes for the hole-in-one.

Girls Varsity and JV Golf- First Row L-R: Ashley Burgess, Neena Phadke, Rachel Bonich, Nicole Korilko, Maria Cocciolone, Julie White, Carrie Kennedy, Emily Brown Second Row: Lindsay Arndt, Amy Ficken, Susan Herr, Danielle Swacker, Brittney Nondorf, Kate Kozelka, Sara Naramore, Coach John Knauff (Not Pictured) Assistant Coach Randy Schwerdt

Putting for Perfection

While fulfilling the team goals and making it down to state, the VHS girls golf team had a very busy season.

" The goals the team set for the season were to have fun, get along, and to improve," stated coach John Knauff.

The team accomplished every goal they had set, along with many wins. However, the team still practiced, almost every day, to ensure they stayed on top of their game.

"Normal practices consisted of playing 9-holes or working on driving, chipping , and putting," according to sophomore Carrie Ann Kennedy.

Coach Knauff said, " I wanted to coach this, because I play golf, like the sport, and just enjoy coaching."

The varsity finished the season with a 10-0 record. The JV completed the season 7-0 in the DAC.

Golfer Maria Cocciolone said, "We achieved every goal we were going after. It was really fun and Mr. Knauff was an awesome coach."

During the season, the girls practiced at Forest Park or Creekside Golfing Center where they would play nine holes to practice their skills.

Scoreboard

KV Tourney Champs
Rensselaer Tourney Champs
Marquette Tourney Champs
DAC Champs
Sectional Champs
Varsity Record: 10-0 (DAC 7-0)
JV Record: 8-2 (DAC 7-0)
At state, the girls ranked 17 out of 21

athlete profile

Fifth year runner Eric Fleming entered his senior year with one thing on his mind; to become a state champion. With the tough competition this year, and an injury that kept him out for two weeks, he still earned his way to his fourth state meet. To keep his train of thought, Fleming said, "I listened to *Saint Lunatics* before a meet and ate lots of pasta and carbohydrates the night before." Fleming finished in 17th place at the state meet.

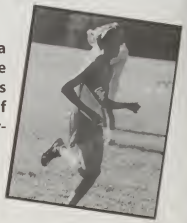
"My highlight of the season was getting 9th in the first meet," explains sophomore Ryan Fleming. With his hard work, he earned a trip to the state meet as a top twelve runner alongside his younger brother.

Running his hardest, sophomore Scott Petersohn races to the finish line. Although Petersohn was hurt for part of the season, he was a major contributer towards the team's victories.

The 2001 boys cross country team huddles before a meet in September. The boys' close knit team and endless workouts led them to many victories. The Vikings were ranked 11th in the state. Coach Brett Polizotto stated, "A combination of things have made this team so good. Hard work, weightlifting, leadership, and tradition. "

"Cross Country is a great sport. It's only for the pain thirsty. But besides that, it's a great group of guys to hang out with everyday."

~*Gavin Henderson (11)*



"I run to race...when I'm out on the course, it's so much more than just running."

~*Matt Costakis (12)*

Kicking hard, sophomore Andy Kantrowski leads seniors Jeff Klancer and Alex Bergstedt in a race. The boys' team placed 13th in the state competition held in Bloomington, Indiana.

Boys Cross Country First Row L-R: Jason Cook, Ryan Fleming, Andrew Jeha, Michael Johnston, Andy Barton (Second Row:) Eric Fleming, Charlie Szrom, Gavin Henderson, Matt Costakis, Phil Martin, Kevin Stipp, Christian Tabib, Jeff Kent (Third Row:) Alex Bergstedt, Andy Stiener, Kyle Jones, Patrick Quinn, Jeff Klancer, Dan Watts, Tim VanLaan, Dan Owen, Ben Sundy, Scott Petersohn, Joe Barry, Coach Brett Polizotto.

running the distance...

With all that happened this season for the boys' cross country team, which included the loss and injury of key runners throughout the season; it was amazing the Vikings were still capable of finishing the season with a spot to compete at the state meet.

Maybe the reason for the outstanding performance of the team came from the team bonding activities in which the boys participated in.

Coach of 8 years, Brett Polizotto, explained, "We took the boys to Pokegon State Park to help create team unity and it also helped to increase mileage." The team has kept the Pokegon tradition for 12 years now. The familiar routine of daily practices helped the boys in achieving their goals.They completed the same warm-ups, stretches, and cool-downs before every meet.

Top runner junior Jeff Kent remarked, "This year's team looked strong and pressed forward." This mental attitude rewarded the boys with a ride to the state meet at Bloomington, IN where they placed 13th in the state competition.

"A combination of things have made this team so good. They are hardwork,weighlifting, leadership and tradition," Coach Polizotto stated.

score board

DAC (Michigan City)	3rd
Sectionals (Sunset Hills)	1st
Regionals (New Prairie)	3rd
Semi-State (New Prairie)	3rd
State (Bloomington)	13th

athlete profiles

Danielle Nunnelly

Junior Danielle Nunnelly is a lead runner. During freshman and sophomore years, she had anemia and was too weak to run to her full potential. After much medical treatment, Nunnelly felt she had a lot to prove. "I had to work hard to prove myself again and I got stronger everyday," explained Nunnelly who placed 5th in the state meet.

Freshmen Natalie Molstad, Lisa Floran, and Erica Johnson stretch and prepare for their run.

Girls Cross Country

Row one:(L-R) Danielle Nunnelly, Natalie Moldstad, Sarah Rodenbarger, Julia Hudson, Ashley Connor, Julie Martz (Second Row)Coach Mick Cavanaugh, Brigitte Brissette, Katie Ziegler, Lindsay Moldstad, Lauren Baker, Jenny Peller, Lisa Floran, Erica Johnson, Jenny Jones, Coach Karen DeVries (Third row) Emily Forbes, Mandy Scully, Megan Foreman, Emily Garritson, Racheal Marchand, Natalie Karas, Shawana Kennedy, Kristina Gordon, Kathryn Johnson

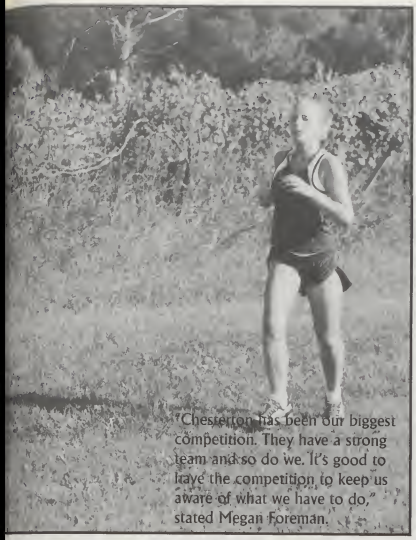
"A lot of the girls have had to step up this year, but it only made us stronger and brought us closer to one another."

~ *Julie Martz*

Senior Natalie Karas ended her high school cross country career by finishing 35th in the state meet. She was a member of two state championship teams during her time at VHS.

"It's so funny to hear people yel 'Go Raps' because a lot of people don't even know what it means."

~ *Racheal Marchand*



"Chesterton has been our biggest competition. They have a strong team and so do we. It's good to have the competition to keep us aware of what we have to do," stated Megan Foreman.

After their victory at DAC, the team cuddles up for a group photo. They were rewarded for their efforts with a second place finish in the state meet at Bloomington, Indiana on October 27, 2001.

Junior Katie Ziegler stretches and prepares for the race.

The Long Green Line continues!

After winning the state title the last two years, the girls' cross country team knew the expectations would be high for them. "We had a lot to live up to, but I think we handled the pressure very well," stated freshman Natalie Moldstad.

Led by junior Danielle Nunnelly and closely followed by sophomore Racheal Marchand, the team was extremely happy with their season.

Newcomer Kristina Gordon proved herself a valuable asset to the team and earned herself a spot in the top seven. "I just thought I would go out there and work as hard as I could," explained Gordon.

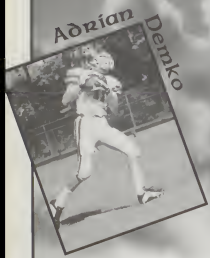
Lacking the senior leaders from last year, some of the girls had to step up and fill that space. One of those girls was Katie Ziegler. "Katie was always there when you needed someone to listen," said Marchand. "She always had time for others, and the friendship of the team was one of our biggest advantages."

The long hours of working out and practicing paid off in the end. The girls placed second in the state meet.

scoreboard

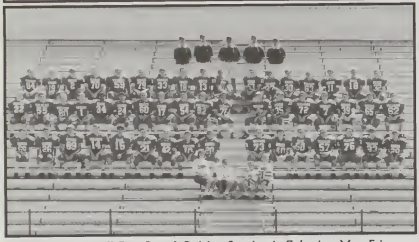
DAC	1st
Sectional	1st
Regional	2nd
Semi-State	1st
State	2nd

athlete profile



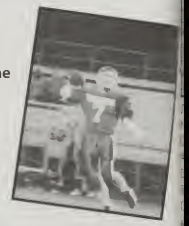
Junior Adrian Demko played three games with the JV team. Demko provided leadership for the younger boys on and off the field. "Adrian is a promising athlete with a great attitude," teammate David Blythe stated.

Sophomore Drew Bonaventura stops at nothing for the extra yard. Bonaventura was a key contributor on this year's undefeated JV team.



Freshmen Football First Row L-R: Mgr. Stephanie Zaharias, Mgr. Erin Renn, John Nuppnau, Tommy Renn; Second Row: Bryant Oehmen, Sam Ulayyet, Luke McAfee, Craig Van Soest, Sam Mathias, Travis Canaday, Doug Lenz, Bobby Reed, Chris Wiggins, Adam Klause, Chris Minnix, Pat Mullins, Andrew Whitehead, Bryan Carr, Bobby Morgan, Mike Schuster; Third Row: Rich Strainis, Pierce Kelly, Jon Kehe, Tom Coggins, Nazr Ahmed, Austin Huck, Nate Pritchert, Ryan Osborne, Brandon Christy, Chris Scott, Nate Loden, Jeff Brandt, Sam Compton, Nick Nondorf, Bo Gilliland, Stewart Tyler, Nick Kopack, Josh Pritchett; Fourth Row: Eric Hills, Sean McBride, Collin McShane, Rich Gross, Jason Herald, Brad Diekow, Aaron McMeans, Matt Stipp, Ryan Nicketh, Mike Wells, Steve Cienko, Bryan Lindsay, John Moon, Bill Daunora, Bryan Carberry, Tim Patterson, Eric Fate; Fifth Row: Coach Klimczak, Coach McCall, Coach Starewicz, Coach Hefner, Coach Gutierrez

Junior Nick Zaharias listens to Coach Starewicz at a crucial time in a game. "The coaches are great. They are intense yet very respected."
~Adrian Demko (11)



Freshman Bo Gilliland was the freshman quarterback. "Bo's a great athlete who has the ability to make something happen every play."
~Coach Dan Klimczak

Ryan Nuppnau eyes the target and watches the pigskin fly. "The best part of playing on the football team was definitely being with my friends."
~Ryan Nuppnau (10)

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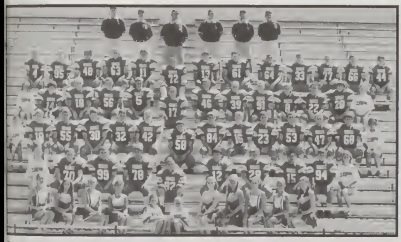


JV Football First Row L-R: Liz Neal, Mallarie Mullen, Heather Plothow, Nicole Nuzzo, John Nuppnau, Tommy Renn, Sara La Rosa, Danielle Mouch, Megan Caldwell, Jill Bennett, Molly Colosino; Second Row: Mgr. Candace Huegenard, Andrew Rodenbarger, Steve Tratar, Anthony Apostoloff, Ryan Brunker, Drew Bonaventura, Brian Witt, Bryan Koleff, Adam Steiner, Mgr. Nikki Wright; Third Row: Erin Renn, Tim Lozny, Matt Beigh, Casey McKim, Neal Monroe, Chance Garbison, Sam Compton, Brad Joyce, Adam Cronk, Trevor Nightingale, Kevin Coros, Brandon Muha, Ryan Raelson, Mgr. Tessa Marshall; Fourth Row: Mgr. Kaitlyn Fagg, Kevin Harkel, Kyle Bartholomew, Ben Kolodzinski, Seth Hancock, Matt Hofferth, Josh Wendrickx, Adam Ewing, Brent Rosenbaum, Ryan Nuppnau, Nate Kusmiz, Mike Ledrew, Mgr. Rachelle Heggerda; Fifth Row: Kellen Mogck, Tony Tratar, Matt Coburn, John Coggins, Adrian Demko, Ben Potts, Steve Hrivnak, Jon Lambeth, Andrew McHenry, Matt Gast, Matt Johnson, Joe Camp, Aaron McMeans; Sixth Row: Coach Dave Coyle, Coach Rich Spicer, Coach Herb Hofer, Coach Todd Evans, Coach Steve Krutz, Coach Tom Renn

Rushing For Victory

This year's football teams had something to talk about. For the first time in over twenty years, the jv and varsity team made a clean sweep over the Duneland Athletic Conference. "This was very exciting for all of us, because it showed we were a dominating program in the area. Everyone was pumped," junior Adrian Demko explained.

Some juniors found themselves splitting time between varsity and jv due to the abundance of talented seniors. That was O.K. with Demko. "Playing with the younger guys was fun because I was the go-to guy. They were also a great group and hard workers."

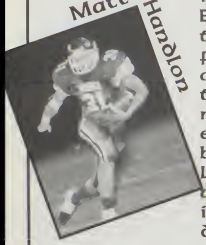
Coach Dan Klimczak was rather impressed with the freshmen team. "The highlight of the season was beating Merrillville in the pouring rain. It was a hard hitting game, and all the guys gave 100%," Klimczak said.

Making the transition from middle school to high school worked out well for freshman Craig VanSoest. "The spirit for the Penn game was something I will never forget. It was so exciting," he stated.

score board

Penn	W
Roosevelt	W
LaPorte	W
Michigan City	W
Chesterton	W
Crown Point	W
Merrillville	W
Portage	W
Hobart	W

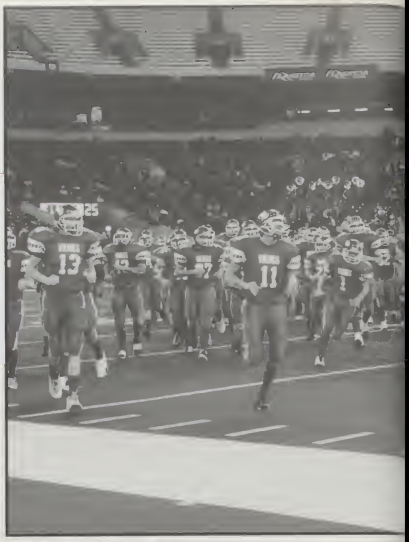
athlete profile



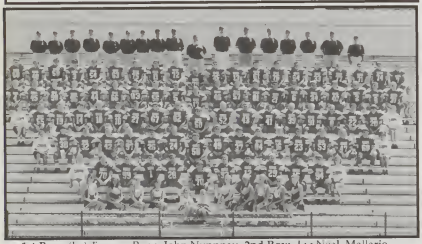
Matt Handlon

Running back and co-captain Matt Handlon received the Phil N. Eskew award for mental attitude in class 5A following the state championship game at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. Handlon also earned the honor of being the leading tackler in VHS history. He was the all time leading rusher and touchdown leader.

The Valpo section cheers for their beloved Vikings. Hundreds of students made the journey for the game.

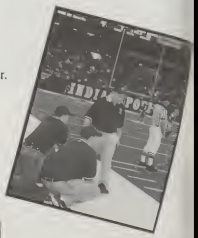


The Vikings wait on the sideline in awe of the RCA dome before the kickoff at the state championship game.

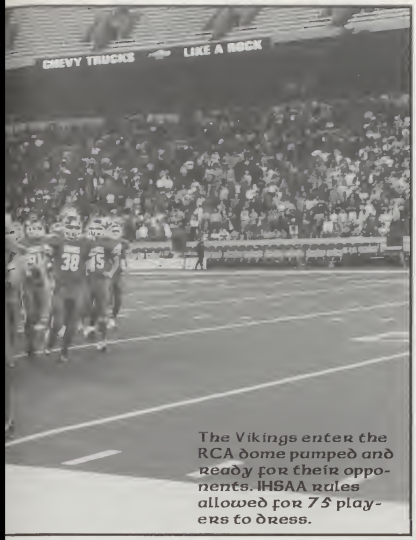


1st Row: (l-r) Tommy Renn, John Nuppnau. **2nd Row**- Liz Neal, Mailarie Mullen, Heather Plothow, Sara LaRosa, Jill Bennett, Danielle Mouch, Megan Caldwell,Nicole Nuzzo, Molly Colosino. **3rd Row**-Candice Huguenard, Andrew Rodenbarger, Steve Tratar, David Blythe, Dan Wiggins, Anthony Apostoloff, Ryan Brunker, Drew Bonaventura, Brian Witt, Brian Koleff, Adam Steiner, Nikki Wright. **4th Row**- Stephanie Zaharias, Casey McKim, Neal Monroe, Dan Abel, Brad Joyce, Adam Cronk, Trevor Nightingale, Kevin Coros, Brandan Muha, Ryan Raelson, Shannon Voyles. **5th Row**-Erin Renn, Matt Beigh, Tim Lozny, Kevin Harkel, Kyle Bartholomew, Carl Gioia, Chad Furman, Jeff Zdanczyk, Mitchell Whitehead, Chris Yaros, John Maddox, Dustin Bow, Ryan Story, Adam Ewing, Brent Rosenbaum, Ryan Nuppnau, Nate Kusmiz, Mike Ledrew, Rachelle Steggrada. **6th Row**-Allison Sparacino, Kellen Mogck, Bryan Koleff, Tim Zulich, Sean Prendergast, Tony Tratar, Aaron McMeans, Joe Camp, Mitch Baker, Ben Kolodzinski, Seth Hancock, Matt Hofferth, Josh Wendrickx, Dustin Treadway, Tim Plet, Mike Dorulla, Jason Renn, Nick Winsor, Garrett Gray, Nate Hines, Jon Krysa, Matt Handlon, Heather Dost. **7th Row**-Bill Kolada, Aaron Ewing, Matt Coburn, Connor McShane, Jeff Samardzija, Rich Krga, John Coggins, Ben Tritle, Adian Demko, Ben Potts, Neal Niemeyer, Adam Vail, Steve Hrivnak, Jon Lambeth, Dan Finck, Andrew McHenry, Matt Gast, Matt Johnson, Pat Ludwig, Brad Diekow, Mike Sullivan. **8th Row**-Coaches Mr. Spicer, Mr. Krutz, Mr. Coyle, Mr. Renn, Mr. Gutierrez, Mr. Starewicz, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. McCall, Mr. Hofer, Mr. Hefner, Mr. Klimczak, Mr. Renn, Mr. Cox

Assistant coaches Mr. Renn, Mr. Gutierrez, and Mr. Starewicz carefully observe as their team prepares to receive a kick off.



Decked out in green outfits, the Vikettes performed several routines during the half-time show.



The Vikings enter the RCA dome pumped and ready for their opponents. IHSAA rules allowed for 75 players to dress.

The Vikings prepare for the start of the game. Many players performed their own pre-game rituals to prep themselves both mentally and physically before the group stretching exercises in the RCA dome.

Coach Mark Hoffman gives his players a last minute pep talk before they take on the Merrillville Pirates.

Touching down on greatness

Providing their audience with truly entertaining shows this season, the varsity football team gave their fans many incredible moments.

The winning streak exploded against Chesterton, Penn, and Fort Wayne in championship games.The Vikings held strong and made their way to the RCA dome in Indianapolis for the state championship game against Ben Davis. The Vikings lost 35-16 in an event that included powerful play from All-American quarterback James Banks.

Highlights of the season included a regional overtime win (24-21) against Penn High School, as well as a semi-state victory over Fort Wayne Snider where the Vikings defeated them 45-13 at Viking Field.

At a pep rally before the state championship game, Mayor David Butterfield stated, " Besides being a great football team, they are great young men. All of us in the city are very proud of them."

The state championship game was played on November 24, 2001, at 6 pm. in the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

Penn score board

Gary Roosevelt	W
LaPorte	W
Michigan City	W
Chesterton	W
Crown Point	W
Merrillville	W
Portage	W
Hobart	W
Sectionals-Chesterton	W
Regionals-Penn	W
Semi-State-Fort Wayne	W
State-Ben Davis	L

athleteprofile

Junior Steve Rodich jumped from number three singles player to number one singles player this year. He set goals for himself as well as the team. "Considering where everyone said we would be for the season, we really worked hard and had a great season. Knowing that I had to be in the number one position, I had to work hard to be the best I could be," stated Rodich.

The varsity and JV boys' tennis teams unite in a huddle. The boys did this before every match.

Boys JV Tennis (First Row L-R:) Jason Gaskell, Robby Jones, Craig Clark, Jeff Threlkeld, Brad Martz, Mike Westfall (Second Row) Coach Bob Barthold, John Schwehn, Dan Hilker, Farhaan Hafeez, Austin Yim, Arash Keshavarz, Dave Mathas, Phil Mooney, David Kacmarik, Jared Earhart, Brent Kimmel (Third Row) Walter Booker, Imran Hafeez, Ben Turk, Derek Meilander, Brian McMillan, Matt Turk, Evan Summers, George Carberry, Jordan Heckard

Junior JV player Josh Hanson warms up by hitting a forehand.

Concentrating on his forehand, varsity freshman Kyle Prow keeps his eye on the ball assuring a solid hit.

Varsity senior Ken Watkins successfully returns the ball to his opponent. Watkins was the number two singles player on the team.

Senior Anshuman Das and junior Anoop Appannagari warm up before a meet. Both of the boys were key players on this year's team.

backhanding the competition

The local newspapers ranked the Valparaiso boys tennis team as fifth in the DAC. The boys took the ranking as a challenge. They showed the city they were better , and proceeded to win both the DAC title and sectionals.

Freshman number three singles player, Kyle Prow, was very satisfied with the way VHS finished the season.

"I thought we did well compared to the fact that we were supposed to get fifth in conference, and I thought we surprised everyone that we tied for DAC champs," Prow stated.

Junior number one doubles player, Anoop Appannagari, was very proud of the accomplishments of this year's team as well.

"We did better than people thought we would," commented Appannagari.

This year VHS captured their seventh straight sectional title.They swept through sectionals with wins over Portage and Chesterton. Michigan City beat the Vikes 3-2 in the regional semi-final.

The Vikings finished the season with a record of 10-4 .They were (6-1) in the DAC . Losses came only against Munster, Andrean and LaPorte in regular season play.

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Boys Varsity Tennis (First Row L-R) Josh Hanson, Pavan Rao, Ken Watkins, Jagan Kansal, Kyle Prow (Second Row) Scott Schoech, Steve Rodich, Michael Hills, Anshuman Das, Anoop Appannagari, Coach Bob Barthold

JV singles players sophomore Jason Gaskell and freshman Robby Jones warm up before a meet.

scoreboard

Marquette	W
Munster	L
Andrean	L
LaPorte	L
Michigan City	W
Hobart	W
Crown Point	W
Highland	W
Portage	W
Chesterton	W
Culver Academy	W
Merrillville	W
Lake Central	W
Highland	W
Sectionals	W

athlete profile

Senior Leslie Vittetoe was on the varsity soccer team all four of her high school years. Playing defense, she helped the Vikings to a DAC and sectional championship this season.

Sophomore midfielder Leslie Bryan takes a shot. Bryan played a huge part on this year's sectional championship team.

Girls JV Soccer (Front Row) L-R: Angie Martin, Katelyn Macke. Second Row: Raka Kingsland, Erin Rose, Brandy Parker, Rachel Kuker, Liz Schroeder, Courtney Kennedy, Caroline Bertram. Third Row: Coach Jill Wade, Kyle Andrews, Lauren Krueger, Laura Hill, Megan Dock, Calli Kardos, Jenny Lute, Laura Stilwell.

"Our goals for the season were be DAC and sectional champs... and we were!"

~ Lauren Holst (10)

"My favorite part of the season was hanging out with my jv teammates during the varsity game."

~ Jenny Lute (10)

"Our shootout victory against Chesterton was definitely a game to remember. We came out strong and kept up with whatever they brought at us."

~ Adrian Balbo (12)

Freshman Brandy Parker dribbles the ball downfield during a JV game against Merrillville.

Girls Varsity Soccer First Row L-R: Stephanie Malak, Erica Anderson; Second Row: Adrian Balbo, Lauren Holst, Abby Key, Lynsey Marckese, Leslie Bryan, Ashley Morgan, Michelle Sullivan; Third Row: Lisa Monroe, Lisa Knauff, Allison Wade, Laurie Gribschaw, Erin Knauff, Leslie Vittetoe, Sarah Hill, Sara Fitzgerald, April Anderson, Coach Stan McQuinn

Shooting For State

With the loss of seven key players to graduation, one might have thought this year's girls' varsity soccer team would not have a very successful season. But this group of girls certainly proved sceptics wrong.

"We had a lot of new faces this year due to graduation. After try-outs, I was very encouraged by the attitude and athleticism of these ladies," stated Coach Stan McQuinn.

They finished the season with a record of 14-5-1, sharing the DAC conference title with Chesterton and also winning sectionals.

The team got off to an outstanding start in its DAC opener against Chesterton, winning in overtime. McQuinn said, "The overtime victory at Chesterton defined the whole season." Keying off of that, the girls lost only three more games before going into the postseason. The team breezed through the Hobart Sectional and made it to the LaPorte Regional, where they once again played Chesterton. They couldn't quite defeat the eventual state finalists, but Coach McQuinn was very pleased with the performance this season and looks forward to next season when many key varsity players would return.

Score board

Lake Central	L
Lafayette Jeff	W
Chesterton	W
Michigan City	W
Griffith	T
Merrillville	W
Munster	W
South Bend Classic	2nd
Hobart	W
Plymouth	W
Portage	L
LaPorte	W
Highland	W
Sectionals	W

athlete profile

Playing on a team that is so unified makes it a difficult task for one single player to stand out. However, senior Wes Smith was ready for the challenge.

Before each game, the team rallies together to welcome the starting players to the field.

Boy's Varsity Soccer- Back Row L-R: Head Coach Danny Jeftich, Ryan Lain, Wes Smith, Austin Barsophy, David Gage, Jac Cooper, Lance Muckey, Arthur VanHouten, Jovan Jeftich, Daniel Jeftich, Asst. Coach Ted Cuson; Middle Row: Ryan Duron, Brad Hardebeck, Cliff Weeks, Arman Sarkisian, Joey Catrino, Sam Hart, Alex Karamesines, Jason Church, Sam Stoner; Front Row: Manager Natalie Thomas, Hector Soto, Mike Bazin, Manager Drew Sarkisian

" I love the physical and mental aspects that I have to have to play soccer."

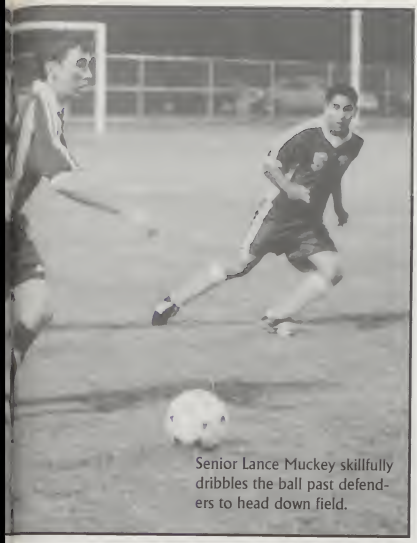
~ *Jason Church, 12*

"Soccer was the coolest. Too bad things didn't go the way they should have gone."

~ *Alex Karamesines, 12*

"This year's team is different because we are better players and we are very close."

~ *Cliff Weeks, 12*



Senior Lance Muckey skillfully dribbles the ball past defenders to head down field.

Boy's J.V. Soccer- Back Row L-R: Coach Mike Whisler, Brett Thomas, Brad Rusin, Andrew Wendahl, Brenden Nasianceno, Evan Christian, P.J. Nagel, Justin Bridgewater, Cam Williams, Time Pimentel, Coach Ted Cuson; Front Row: Manager Nick Parks, Scott Wolff, Ryan Sutton, Andy Seibert, Mike Minissale, Adam Kepa, Andrew Armour, Devin Henson, Zac Hanson, Jay Oglesby, Manager Morgan Murphy

Passing Up the Competition

Practice makes perfect. The boys varsity and JV soccer team came together this season as a strong, united team. Above all else, the team held a strong impression of unity whenever they took to the field. With an extremely close-knit team of guys, the varsity and JV accomplished many of the goals they all wrote out at the beginning of the season.

"The team set high goals as well as higher expectations," stated coach Danny Jeftich. "Mutual care was number one."

Having played well in both the DAC and their tournaments, the team progressively became one big family. Entering the field before every game hand in hand and making their victory run around the field showed their support of a strong, unified team.

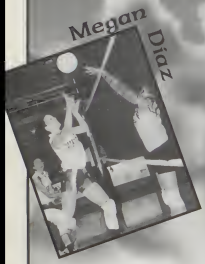
"They were all good friends and that reflected their togetherness on and off the field," said Coach Jeftich.

"Soccer was the coolest. Too bad things didn't go the way they should have gone," senior Alex Karamesines stated.

Score board

Lake Central	W
West Lafayette	W
Chesterton	W
Munster	W
Michigan City	W
Highland	W
Merrillville	L
Griffith	W
Crown Point	W
Hobart	W
North Central	L
Portage	W
LaPorte	W
Sectionals	L

athlete profiles



Senior co-captain Megan Diaz attempts to fake out the Hobart opponent with a set. "Diaz is a very strong player, and she works towards perfection. She has a strong mentality and is a definite asset to the team," co-capatain Heather Hutton commented.

Junior Jamie Piatti throws herself on the ground for the dig. Piatti set for the team during the 2001 season.

Girls JV Volleyball Front Row L-R: Lysette Ortiz, Katie Ramirez, Katy Blythe, Diana Crew. Second Row: Chelsea Payne, Jamie Doane, Kelsey Hupp, Lindsay Humes, Lindsay Pavell, Nora Casey, Lauren Hutton, Coach Christan Fields.

Senior Rachael Nowlin uses good technique while bumping the ball. "Rachael had one of the hardest defensive jobs, but she was tough and a hard worker," senior Megan Diaz noted.

Co-capatain Heather Hutton bumps the ball in a game. "Heather's greatest strength was her leadership, and pulling us together," senior Megan McGonigle remarked.

Senior Megan McGonigle is a defensive specialist for the Lady Vikes. "I admired Megan because not only was she a great person, she was a great passer and a great listener," underclassman Megan Maynard said.

Freshman Lindsay Humes displays her fierceness at the Hobart match. Humes was one of the two freshman on the JV team

Girls Varsity Volleyball Front Row L-R: Megan McGonigle, Lauren Hutton, Manager Leanne Richmond, Heather Hutton, Jamie Piatti. Second Row: Coach Michelle Salomon, Rachael Nowlin, Natalie Hines, Megan Maynard, Cassie Kerns, Brittany Allen, Kristin Rose, Megan Diaz, Assistant coach T.R. Harlan.

Setting the record straight

This year's volleyball team didn't lack much according to senior Heather Hutton. "An abundance of leadership, skill, and love for the game was brought to practice each and every day," she stated.

"It was a great group of girls," commented second year Coach Michelle Salomon. "We don't have to worry about them coming and not playing well, because they come to get the job done. They know what they want to accomplish," stated Salomon.

This year's team came out forcefully in the run for the DAC championship. Beating Chesterton was an important game that brought the girls together. "I always look forward to playing Chesterton, because it is personal. We all played well, and came together at that game," senior Rachael Nowlin stated.

Coming together was just the beginning of setting the record straight.

score board

Michigan City	L
Merrillville	L
Crown Point	W
Chesterton	W
Hobart	W
LaPorte	L
Sectionals	L

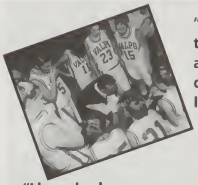
athlete profile

Elise Snell

Middle hitter Elise Snell attempts a kill during a match. "Elise was very hardworking, intense, dedicated, and a good leader. She was respected by her teammates and always demonstrated good sportsmanship," Coach Debbie Clifford stated.

After a kill, the girls meet in the middle for a cheer! Team unity was one of the factors that kept the girls winning.

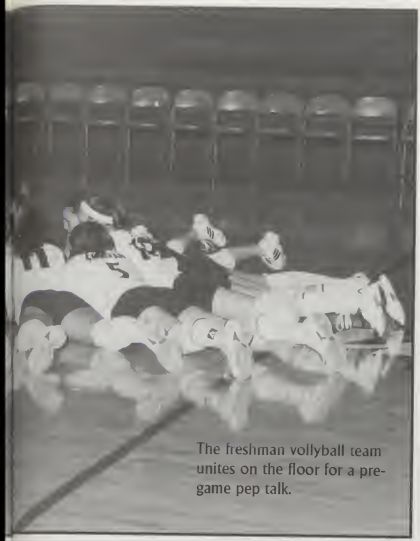
Girls Freshmen Volleyball First Row L-R: Erin Rogers, Katie Scannell, Jessica Porucznik, Ashley Austin, Chelsea Nix. Second Row: Coach Deb Clifford, Laura Coleman, Ashley Budd, Elise Snell, Kristin Cannon, Katie Drakos, Katelyn Bullman, Alysha Ackernect.



"Something I tell the girls when the game is on the line is, there are a billion people in China who don't give a darn what happens. It eases things up."
~ Coach Mr. Mitchell

"I have had many memories this season including post game showers, having the varsity team surprise us at Meg's, and Mr. Mitchell's quotes."
~ Maggie Graber

"I have made some really great friends this year that I am sure I will keep all of high school. Playing basketball is a fun way to meet new friends."
~ Ashley Glaser



The freshman vollyball team unites on the floor for a pre-game pep talk.

Girls Freshmen Basketball First Row L-R: Ashley Glaser, Alysha Ackerknecht, Suzy Szrom, Vanessa Carna, Sarah Rodenbarger, Maggie Graber. Second Row: Taylor Ibison, Abby Schmidt, Meg Hunt, Lindsey Pavell, Ashley Livovich, Erin Knauff, Joy Stefanski, Coach Rick Mitchell.

Getting N'Sync

Making the transition from middle school to high school can be hard, according to freshmen girls' basketball coach Rick Mitchell. However, in the sports arena, the class of 2005 took the challenge in stride.

"This year's volleyball team played great as freshmen. They played very well as a team, and had amazing chemistry. It didn't matter who was playing, because everyone was able to finish together," volleyball coach Deb Clifford remembered.

For the freshmen volleyball team, Chelsea Nix led in assists. Kristin Cannon kept the opposing teams off balance with her team high in kills. "I had a great time playing with all of the girls," Cannon remarked.

As for the basketball team, stakes were high and goals were made by the dozen. Coach Rick Mitchell had a new addition to his staff with former Valparaiso and Ball State basketball star Alana Harrington. "She has a great knowledge of the game, and can handle difficult situations well. We were happy to have her," Mitchell commented.

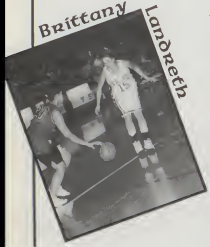
The team set goals to win conference and to each individually improve to reach the next level.

score board

Freshmen Volleyball Record: 25-3
DAC Record: 5-1

Freshmen Basketball Record:
A Team: 18-0
B Team: 13-1

athlete profile



Senior Brittany Landreth has earned three varsity letters throughout her career at Valparaiso High School. "Brittany never stops hustling and has a great work ethic. She is an extremely well-rounded player and is always unselfish," stated senior teammate Erica Anderson.

Senior Erica Anderson gets an open look at the hoop. McAfee remembers Anderson's "enthusiastic pre-game pep talks as a pre-game ritual.

Girls JV Basketball Front Row L-R: Jamie Doane, Katie Ramirez, Jessica Freeman, April Anderson, Erin Ennes. Second Row: Coach Mark Knauff, Leslie Bryan, Melissa Klancer, Breanne Gustke, Cassie Kerns, Lindsay Humes, Kim McCloskey, Brittney Nondorf.

"I admire all of my teammates for their hard work ethic and desire. Everyone works extremely hard at practice to get better."

~ Brooke McAfee (12)

"What I like most about this year's team is when we are in a close game, we dig deep and work hard to win."

~ Kim McCloskey (10)

"The chemistry of the team and the way we all get along all the time is amazing."

~ Kelly Compton (12)

Coach Kirby and Coach Levandoski discuss the game plan with their girls.

Girls Varsity Basketball Front Row L-R: Megan Rose, Heather Hutton, Lauren Hutton, Brittany Landreth, Erica Anderson. Second Row: Coach Greg Kirby, Megan Diaz, Kelly Compton, Cassie Kerns, Brooke McAfee, Lindsay Humes, Breanne Gustke, Coach Kathy Levandoski, Coach Mark Knauff.

Making it count

With only one returning starter from last year's team, the Lady Vikes had some work to do. Brittany Landreth, the sole returning starter, led her team to an impressive undefeated conference record giving them the Duneland Athletic Conference title.

"We like to have fun but we work hard. We are also friends off the court too-that's important to have good team chemistry," stated Megan Diaz.

After a heartbreaking sectional loss in the 2000-2001 season and unpleasant memories of "boot camp" the team made a pact to "make it count." Hence, becoming their team motto, the girls certainly did. Being victorious in the DAC, the team also won sectionals in heart-stopping fashion against their cross town rival, Crown Point.

"By any means you want to evaluate our season, it was a success. This team continually improved as the season progressed and consistently played up to their potential. The was due in large part by the excellent leadership of our six seniors," Coach Greg Kirby acknowledged.

scoreboard

E.C. Central	L
Carmel	W
Lafeyette Jeff	W
Penn	W
Plymouth	W
Chesterton	W
Andrean	W
Michigan City	W
Crown Point	W
Logansport	W
Warsaw Tourney	3rd
LaPorte	W
Munster	W
Hobart	W
Portage	W
Elkhart Central	W
Lake Central	W
Merrillville	W
Kankakee Valley	W
Sectionals	W
Regionals	L

athlete profile

Freshman Jon Moon drives to the hole in a game against Washintgon Township. Moon played as a guard on the freshmen A team. "The best part of being on the team was you could make new friends while doing what you loved," Moon remembered.

Playing basketball since he was 4, freshman Ryan Osburn helped the A team to an 18-2 record.

Boys Sophomore Basketball (Front Row) L-R: Jeffrey Nelson, Doug Lang, Brandon Thomas. Second Row: Seth Hancock, Jacob Lieske, Warren Mosser, Brett Fuller, Elliot Elger, Coach David McGonigle.

Boys Freshmen Basketball A Team (Front Row) L-R: Bo Gilliland, Mike Johnston, Ben Malone, Ryan Osburn, Daniel Jeftich. Second Row: Coach John Knauff, Jon Moon, Aaron McMeans, Craig VanSoest Eric Hills, Collin McShane, Matt Stipp.

The freshman B team awaits the opportunity to grab the rebound. The B team's record was 14-3.

oys Freshmen Basketball B Team (Front Row) L-R: arribo Kohn, Kyle Prow, Danny Marshall, Richard ruderi, Nick Nondorf. Second Row: Coach Dale Gott, avis Blane, Chris Wrobel, Bryan Chappo, Jon anselman, Sam Matias, Dan Watts, Chris Smith.

Just Shootin' Hoops

The underclassmen made a strong showing this season. Finishing with an 18-2 record, the Freshmen A team was led in scoring by Jon Moon.

Coach John Knauff used his knowledge of the game to instill a strong work ethic and a love of basketball in the young men. "This group beat every team it should have, they never lost to a mediocre or poor team," Knauff remembered.

The B team finished with a 14-3 record. Coach Dale Gott attributed the successes to the great camaraderie. "They did things together both on and off the court," he stated.

Jon Hanselman led the team in both scoring and rebounding, with 231 points and 133 rebounds.

The sophomore basketball team was coached by David McGonigle and finished with a 5-3 record. The only 3 losses came to JV teams. Brett Fuller led the team in scoring with 75 points and rebounding with 49.

"This team improved their individual skills of the game. Many of them played unfamiliar positions. They accepted the challenges and became not only better players, but better at the team concept," Coach McGonigle said.

score board

Sophomore Team: 5-3

Freshmen A: 18-2

Freshmen B: 14-3

athlete profile

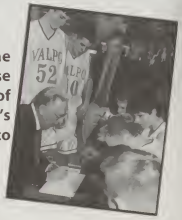
Senior Nate Hines excelled on the basketball court. He was known for his precise three point range, which was evident in an 8 for 11 performance from the arc against Gary Roosevelt. "Shooting is all about confidence," Hines stated.

"Nate's a great player. He's one of those guys that when you pass him the ball on the arc, you know he's going to get you an assist," teammate Ben Lieske commented.

Valpo's student section looks onto the court for some excitement. The crowd provided an atmosphere many players enjoyed, including Hines.

Boy's Varsity Basketball
Row one:(L-R) John Thesphasdin, Jason Renn, Nate Hines, Quantrell Blake.
Row two: Matt Handlon, Jeff Samardzija, Brian McMillan, Ben Lieske, Hector Marchand, Mike Hills.

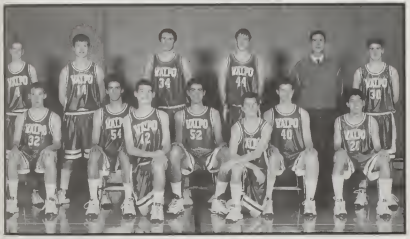
"The seniors really set the tone in practice."
~ Matt Handlon, (12)



Coach Bob Punter shows the way for the team to increase their lead. A memorable part of the season was Coach Punter's "cross the black line and go to war" agressiveness.

"We started off 0-2, so right away people were questioning our abilities. We responded nicely."
~ Hector Marchand (12)

Senior John Thephasdin, standing 6 feet tall leads the team on to their home court with their signature 'green and white victory lap.'



Boy's JV Basketball
Front row: (L to R) Kyle Bartholomew, Jordan Heckard, Brent Kimmel. Second row: Ben Pease, Bill VanSenus, Dan Lieske, Christian Tabib. Third row: Mike Reinhertz, Ryan Brown, Andrean Demko, Steve Hrivnak, Coach Rhinehart, Ryan Nuppnau.

"Through banging in the post with Hec I've learned to play stronger, and as a team we learned to spread the ball better," Ben Lieske said.

Shooting the lights out...

Pre-game and half time speeches by Coach Punter, team unity, friendships, and a competitive attitude were all highlights of the 2001-2002 season.

The season started slowly, but the team quickly recovered and proved to be a force to be reckoned with by winning the competitive Michigan City Holiday Tournament.

Matt Handlon and Hector Marchand led the starting five, having played together for many years. "We all got along great and were unselfish," Handlon stated.

The Vikings worked their way to a convincing Duneland Athletic Conference championship. The title was clinched in a climatic showdown between Merrillville, also unbeaten in the conference at the time.

All of this was accomplished through an ability to have fun while maintaining focus and a winning attitude. An outstanding defense and improved shooting , in Coach Punter's words, were keys to the memorable season.

SCORE BOARD

Boone Grove	Loss:	54-56
Elkhart Memorial	Loss:	48-58
Chesterton	Win:	51-38
Lafayett Jefferson	Win:	48-36
South Bend Clay	Loss:	52-68
Laporte	Win:	67-61
Portage	Win:	65-37
Michigan City	Win:	65-44
Warsaw	Loss:	43-57
Crown Point	Win:	66-63
Laporte	Win:	67-60
Hobart	Win:	70-44
Portage	Win:	68-43
Penn	Win:	53-38
Merrillville	Win:	54-42

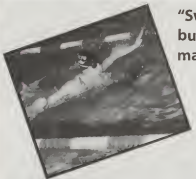
athlete profile

Kumari Ratnayake

"I swim for the team. It's the people that make all the difficult practices worth it," stated varsity junior Captain Kumari Ratnayake. She has been swimming since she was three years old. Her main goals of the season were to have fun and make it to state. Ratnayake's goals came true, and she earned 4th place at the state meet.

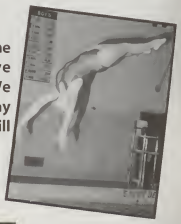
Swimming with determination, Ratnayake creates competition for opponents with the 100m breaststroke.

Girls' Swimming and Diving
Row one:(L-R) Kelly Salazar, Jodie Kerwin, Rachel Rhoda, Hillary Huguenard, Jackie Cortez, Holly Coatsolonia, Katie Abel, Amanda Holesinger, Emily Stark. Row two: Coach Allison Broadstone, Autumn Hunt, Stephanie Kalmbach, Rachel Hardesty, Elizabeth Thompson, Katie Jankowski, Sarah Conners, Stephanie Jakich, Katie Boyle, Jennifer Hennessy, Emily Brown, Erin Frey, Laura Stilwell, Coach Jamie Frouenhoffer. Row three: Coach Pete Sattler, Chelsea Button, Kristen Klazura, Christina Bess, Megan Maynard, Allison Nunley, Shea Ballentine, Megan Porter, Nora Casey, Jennifer Clarke, Lesley Green, Lauren Hall, Julia Becka, Megan Kennedy, Coach Bill Chappo. Row four: Irene Gawdzik, Lauren Vaughn, Kate Kozelka, Amy Ficken, Kristina McLean, Kumari Ratnayake, Elizabeth Graham, Christy Claypool, Autumn Kaylor, Noel Thompson, Nicole Loutzenhiser, Lindsey Doppler, Danielle Mou.



"Swimming was a lot of hard work, but all the girls and the coaches made it really fun!"
~ Nora Casey (10)

"This (the diving team) was the most supportive and positive team I've ever been a part of. We were able to work hard and stay focused but still have fun. I will definitely miss it."
~ Megan Kennedy (12)



"My favorite memory this season was when I swam the 100m breaststroke alone at the Portage dual meet."
~ Amy Ficken (9)

Junior varsity swimmer Rachel Rhoda competes in the 200m freestyle. Rhoda believed that hard work always paid off.

Cool in the pool...

"Carpe Diem!" or "Seize the Day" was a saying that could often be heard coming from 4 year coach Pete Sattler to encourage his swimmers to perform.

In order to have reached these tasks, Sattler had to train his swimmers to do their best. To prepare the athletes for a meet, Sattler had them look at the competition while making strategies, and discussing goals.

The goal for each swimmer was to achieve their lifetime best times, and be awarded 2nd place in sectionals.

This year, Sattler was able to send 10 girls to the state meet. They included 2 relay teams and a diver.

Junior Katie Boyle was the only member of the team to advance to finals and received 16th place in the diving competition.

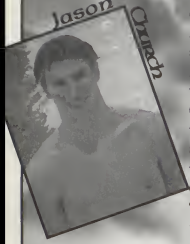
"The highlight of my season was being named senior captain. It was such an honor," stated senior Linsday Doppler. Unfortunately, Doppler was unable to swim in any meets past sectionals due to a shoulder injury.

After winning against LaPorte, the girls cheer with enthusiasm.

score board

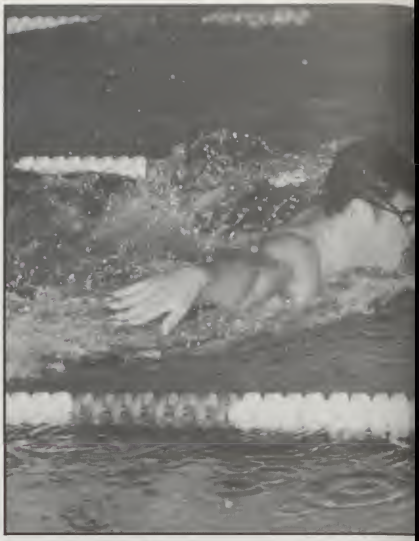
Lake Central	L
Hobart	W
Munster Relays	2nd
Crown Point	L
Munster	L
Chesterton	L
LaPorte Inv.	3rd
Merrillville	W
Highland Inv.	6th
Lafayette Jeff.	W
Portage	L
Highland	W
Michigan City	W
Penn Inv.	4th
LaPorte	W
DAC Meet	3rd
Sectional	2nd
State	43rd

athlete profile

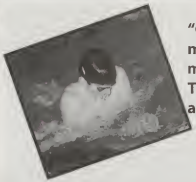


Jason Church lettered on the VHS boys swim team for four years. As senior captain, Church excelled in the 100m freestyle, 200m free style, and both freestyle relays. After graduation, Church planned on attending Indiana University in Bloomington to major in business. Church remarked, "Swimming has taught me to be on time and work hard at everything I do."

Holding the lead, Senior captain Jason Church contributes to the teams' winnings.



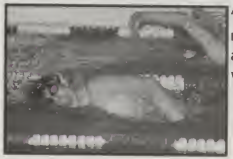
Boy's Swimming and Diving
Row one:(L-R) Sam Stoner, Brian Schimpf, Ricky Ringer, Mike Bottos, Tim Surber. Row two: Joe Gawdzik, Ryan Kelley, Logan Owens, Justin Bridgewater, Trevor Callahan, Alek Demko, Brandon Muha, Brian Kelly, Matt Ray, Tim Rozendaal, Sachin Pithadia, Levi Cowsert. Row three: Jon Kasperan, Cody Charnas, CJ Russell, Brad Shinabargar, Drew Nellessen, Tom Clifford, Jason Dowell, Zack Carter, Daren McLane, Jac Cooper, Eddie Kolar, Joe Camp, Kevin Ludwig, Coach Bowyer. Row four: Coach Chappo, Allison Broadsone, Sean Prendergast, Parker Weber, Joe Winter, Alex Hood, Nick Kolaski, Josh Carver, Abi Das, Frederic Rode, Jason Church, Coach Davis, Callie Kardos



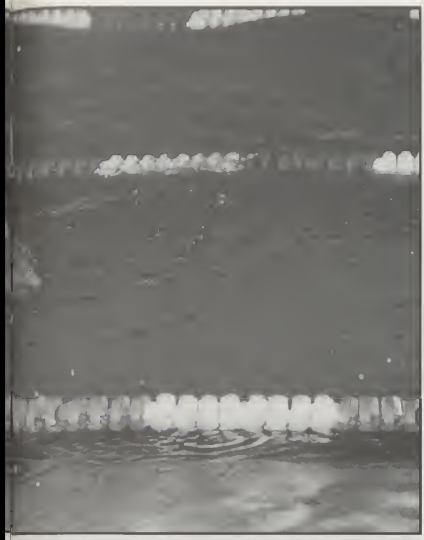
"Giving it your all is one of the most painful, but also one of the most gratifying experiences! That is what swimming is all about."
~ Logan Owens (10)

"Diving is the most rewarding experience of my life. Not only does it teach me to do pointless movements in the air, it teaches me discipline, how to focus, and determination."
~ Drew Nellesson (11)

"To dig deep down where there is nothing left is only satisfying when you make something of that nothing."
~ Parker Weber (12)



"This year the team finally pulled together and we came through with success."
~ Joe Winter (12)



Senior Nick Kolaski dominates the 100m breaststroke. Kaloski has been on the swim team all four years of high school. He believed, "the harder you try, the better you are."

Walking out of the locker room, the VHS boys' swim team prepares for their meet against Crown Point.

Making a Splash...

Hard work, consistancy, talent, and equal opportunity to achieve success were all characteristics that head VHS boys' swim team coach Gary Davis believed were factors to the team's success. With the effort the boys put forth, it brought them to a winning season and four spots in the state meet.

In order to achieve success, the boys had to train hard in practices. Morning practices, followed by practices in the afternoon consumed their time.

"We trained everyday to help each swimmer learn skills, technique, strength, and strategy to reach their own potential in order to prepare the boys for a meet," he explained.

Throughout the season, the boys excelled in their events, and received many young swimmers this year.

To keep a positive attitude, Coach Davis shared inspirational quotes with the members of the team such as, "Always reach for your best" and "Learn today so you will be better tomorrow."

Score board

Lake Central	L
Hobart	W
Munster Relays	2nd
Crown Point	L
Munster	L
Chesterton	L
LaPorte Inv.	3rd
Merrillville	W
Highland Inv.	6th
Lafayette Jeff.	W
Portage	L
Highland	W
Michigan City	W
Penn Inv.	3rd
LaPorte	W
DAC Meet	4th
Sectional	2nd

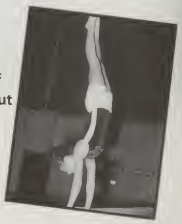
athlete profile

Junior Erica Boys has been part of this gymnastics team for three years of her high school career. She has been one of the top team scorers. "She is a leader and stays calm in competitive situations," stated Mrs. Lorie Cook.

Junior Allisa Connors emerges as the squad's top scorer this season.

Row one: Jessica Dinkelman, Ashley Connor, Margaret Anderson, Rachel Thomas, Erica Boys, Samantha Ma. Row Two: Brittany Millar, Erin Friedman, Kelsey Hupp, Erin Dalton, Valerie Logsdon, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Allisa Connors.

"I define gymnastics as girls working hard with great strength, flexibility, and grace."
~ *Elizabeth Rodriguez '05*



"Gymnastics takes a lot of hard work and dedication, but it's all worth it."
Rachel Thomas '03

"Everyone has been working really hard to add new skills this year, so our team has a lot of depth."
~ *Jessica Dinkleman '03*

rica Boys, Kelsey Hupp, Rachel Thomas, and Ashley Connor chalk up before they compete on uneven bars.

Overcoming the Competition

After a disappointing season last year, and not qualifying for regionals, the Valparaiso girls gymnastics team were back where they belonged this season with only one loss. With the abscence of two seniors, and the addition of many new gymnasts, the girls had to make a lot of changes and create a whole new team.

These athletes were extremely dedicated to their sport. "If interested in joining gymnastics, then one should be ready to make a huge commitment," stated junior Allisa Connors.

"With six practices a week, you don't have a lot of free time to do anything else," added Erica Boys.

Pasta parties, sleepovers, practices, and especially bus rides brought this team together, and their unity showed with their success at meets.

With the help of new leaders such as Jessica Dinkleman, Erica Boys, and Allisa Connors, the girls dominated the route to regionals with a third place finish. This was not enough to advance to state, but an improvement from last year. Even though the team did not advance to state, Allisa Connors, Sami Ma, and Brittany Millar advanced individually.

The girls gymnastics team pray as a unit before a meet. This was one of their traditions they practiced before every competition. The girls all held hands and said something positive to each other. As they each thought positive things, they squeezed each others hands one at a time then all squeezed together for good luck.

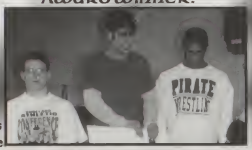
Score board

Crown Point	W
Portage Pains Inv.	First
Michigan City	W
Viking Inv.	First
Laporte	W
Ft. Wayne Concordia Inv.	First
Hobart	W
Lowell	W
Chesterton	L
Portage	W
Merrillville	W
DAC	Third
SECTIONALS	Third
REGIONALS	Third

Erin Dalton, Valerie Logsdon, and Lizzy Rodriguez add up the meet's score to see if the Valparaiso girls had scored another victory.

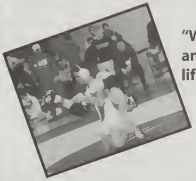
athleteprofile

Jason Cook has been around wrestling almost all of his life. In his senior year Cook had many accomplishments. Among them was his career win record. "Breaking the career win record is something I have strived for since my freshman year," he said. Cook was also the State Champion at 135 pounds and the Mental Attitude Award winner.

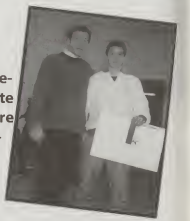


Senior Alex Karamesines receives his award for winning the Crown Point Regional. Valpo advanced seven wrestlers to the Semi-State

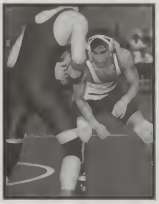
JV Wrestling
First Row:(L-R) Mike Lippelt, Craig Clark, Bobby Reed, Brandon Tran, Jon Norman; Second Row: Josh Allen, Tye Steuck, Mike Bonick, Travis Canady, Anthony Apostoloff, Ali Ahmed, Steve Edwards, Ben Nowlin, Paul Canady, Zafer Ahmed, Greg Knapp, Phil Pimental, Chris Norman
Third row: Nazur Ahmed, Isreal Barrios, Erik Fontanez, David Costas, Tim Patterson, Michael Wells, David Shinabarger, Patrick Lienick, Eric Zosso, Bill Cross, Paul Vazquez, Sam Compton, Kyle Meyne



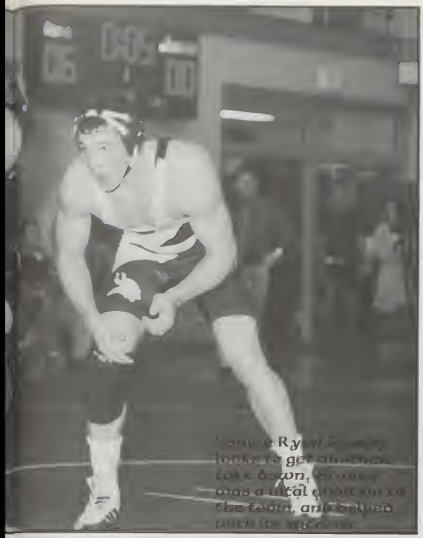
"Wrestling makes you work hard and be in the best shape of your life."
~ *Doug Harvey*



"Having my dad as a coach allows both of us to share something we both love and dedicate ourselves to. It makes the entire situation more fun and memorable."
~ *Jason Cook*



"The thing that motivates me is my love for the sport and the fact that I want to meet my ultimate goal , to be a state champion in wrestling. I set this goal when I was in 8th grade and have been working on it ever since."
~ *Mike Burnison*



Senior Ryan [illegible] looks to get a move on, Coach Cook, who was a vital asset to the team, and helped [illegible]

Varsity Wrestling
First one:(L-R) Linda Grabos, Angela Martin, Mike Burnison, Jake Keith, David Keith, Jason Cook, Shweta Patel; Second two: Erik Fontanez, Ali Ahmed, Matt Candiano, Ben Reder, Dan Wiggins, Doug Harvey, Ben Nowlin, David Costas; Third row: Chris Deschamps, Ryan Storey, Niko Kilibarda, Ben Tritle, Chris Yaros, Manvel Biggs, Alex Karamesines

Death Row is a force that devastated teams from the 130-171 weight classes.

Valpo: Wrestling for the fall

Valpo wrestlers have always strived for excellence, but this year they had another motive. This was the last year for Viking head coach John Cook.

Cook was Valpo's head coach for the last twenty five years, in which he trained a number of star athletes.

One up-coming star that Cook trained was junior Mike Burnison.

"I enjoy this sport, because it's so intense. There was really no other sport that I have done that was like it. I just love practicing it. The way you get tired and sore, and the pain just makes you want to work harder to get better," Burnison stated.

This intensity in practice made them a competitive team in the meets. "This was a team that was competitive with the top teams in the state. They also broke many school records: Career wins, win percentage, most wins in a season (24), most wrestlers advanced to the regional (10), and most wrestlers advanced to the semi-state (7)," stated Cook of his last team.

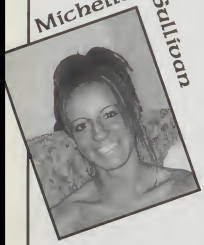
Jason Cook and Burnison were the only two Valpo wrestlers that made it to the state meet.

scoreboard

Valpo Duels	3rd (9-1)
Viking Invite	1st (5-0)
La Porte	W
Hobart	W
Portage	L
Crown Point	W
D.A.C	W
Chesterton	W
North Montgomery	1st (5-0)
Merrillville	W
Sectionals	2nd

athleteprofile

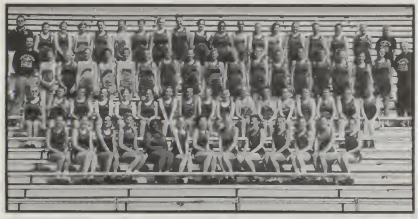
Michelle Sullivan



This junior standout dominated the track this season by placing All-Conference in three events. She was Sectional champion in four events, Regional champ in the long jump, and seventh in State in both the 100m hurdles and the 300m hurdles.

" Michelle combined her superb athletic powers with her tireless work ethic to produce some unbelievable results," stated Head Track Coach Jim McCall. "Michelle has also proven herself all year to be truly worthy of the title MVP for a third year in a row, not only as an athlete, but as a person as well," he also stated.

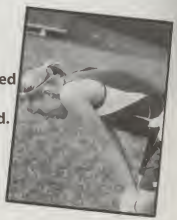
Senior Kelly Compton throws the shotput during another competition. Compton was Regional champion in the shotput and placed 6th at State.



Girls Track Team

Row one:(L-R) Coach Hoffman, Celess Janeway, Autumn Kaylor, Kaitlyn Fage, Kelly Woods, Laura Breen, Melissa Klancer, Brittney Allen, Cassie Kerns, Sarah Tyler, Laurel Mazar, Melissa Burford, Laura Stilwell, Danielle Boer, Sara Owall, Jena Cooros, Lydia Karsaka, Allison Wade, Coach Devries; Row two: Coach McCall, Jenny Peller, Ashley Glaser, Marcia Ransom, Chelsea Nix, Lauren Kieveger, Kellye Fitzgerald, Erin Ennes, April Anderson, Megan Foreman, Diana Crew, Brittany Nondorf, Cara Kern, Megan Diaz, Racheal Nowlin, Lisa Knauff, Megan Rose, Erican Anderson, Coach Cavanaugh; Third row: Kristy Cramer, Jen Ball, Ashley Connor, Maggie Graser, Rachel Tipton, Ashley Hall, Danielle Nunnelly, Kristina Gordon, Lisa Floran, Suzy Szrom, Stephanie Mertz, Natalie Moldstat, Perinne Marcenal, Jackie Moeller, Erica Johnson, Melissa West, Becky Godbey; Fourth Row: Megan Porter, Laurie Gribschaw, Lauren Hutton, Megan Maynard, Alicia Thompson, Julie Martz, Megan Kennedy, Sarah Fitzgerald, Natalie Karas, Emily Forbes, Courtney Kennedy, Ashley Henderson, Angie Martin.

Sophomore Lauren Hutton glides over the hurdles during a meet. Hutton was one of the few sophomores to compete at the varsity level.



Senior Sarah Fitzgerald rests after another hard race. "I loved being with my friends and I loved the bus rides," she stated.

Danielle Nunnelly, Natalie Karas, and Megan Foreman run the 800 meters during a meet. Karas said that her friendships made from running track would last forever.

[illegible] Lora[illegible] Danielle [illegible], and Natalie [illegible] Karas [illegible] their fifth place medals [illegible] they received in the 4x800 relay at IUPUI after state competition.

Michelle Sullivan, Erica Anderson, Lauren Hutton, and Megan Diaz pose for a shot with their Sectional Championship trophy. This was the 12th straight year that the team won Sectionals.

Junior Kristina Gordon hands the baton to freshman Lisa Florian during the 4x800 relay. This was one of the three relays that participated in the State meet.

One Stride At A Time

The 2002 Girls Track Team had a very successful team this year. They won the Sectional title for the twelveth year in a row and the Regional title for the second year in a row.

Senior leaders that stepped up to the plate were: Erica Anderson, Kelly Compton, Natalie Karas, Sarah Fitzgerald, Megan Kennedy, and Megan Diaz.

Head coach Jim McCall stated, "All to often a person gets caught up looking at the end result to determine success. For me, I look at our team's development throughout the season and I consider their commitment to excellence and sacrifice as important as their times and distances."

The team undestood the meaning of excellence with a total of four individuals advancing to state and all three relay teams.

Coach McCall stated, "Teamwork was the best formula for success."

The team finished 12th at the state competition held at IUPUI in Indianapolis.

scoreboard

Indoor Invite	W
Portage/Boone Grove	W
Hobart/Portage	W
Laporte	W
Lake Central	W
Chesterton/Crown Point	L
Merrillville/Michigan City	W
DAC	W
JV Invite	W
Sectionals	W
Regional	W
State	12th

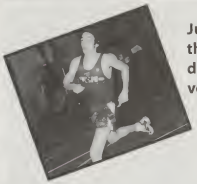
athlete profile

Dan Finck

Senior Dan Finck was a key factor for this team's success. "This has been the best track team that I have seen in my whole high school career. We are close, determined, and a family. We all strive to improve and be the best that we can be," Finck said.

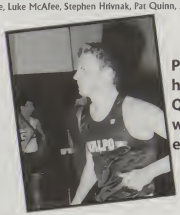
Senior Cliff Weeks watches as freshman Mike Wells prepares himself for the pole vault event.

Row one:(L-R) Coach Mike Liss, Christian Tabib, Mike Dorulla, Jon Krysa, Matt Snoeyink, Brian Carberry, Andrew Rodenbarger, Casey McKim, Carsten Petersen, Chris Nichols, Ryan Fleming, Matt Costakis, Ben Dougherty, Billy Allen, Zac Johnson, Ben Malone, Adam Steiner, David Price, Andy Barton. Row two: Coach Dan Jones, Coach Mark Hoffman, Matt Simpson, Eric Fleming, Nick Larson, Andrew Jeha, Eric Falt, Eric Schoening, Dan Hilker, Kevin Coros, Jovan Jeftich, Nick Zaharias, Nick Kovachovich, Steve Schmidt, Tim Patterson, Phil Martin, Andrew Goldschmidt, Jason Lee, Jeff Brandt. Row three: Coach Dick Woods, Brian Lindsey, Steve Fournier, Brad Joyce, Scott Petersohn, Dan Watts, Walt Booker, Ben Sundy, Brent Rosenbaum, Cliff Weeks, Adam Ewing, Neal Monroe, Tim Rickard, Chris Psimos, Levi Cowsert, Kevin Stipp, Gavin Henderson, Jeff Kent. Row four: Coach Brett Politzotto, Darren McLane, Brian Breen, Jason Renn, Seth Hancock, Kyle Jones, Tim VanLaan, Kellen Mogck, Nathan Barksdale, Doug Scheiber, Mike Wells, Collin McShane, Joe Camp, Brad Diekow, David Hayes, Mike Friedland, Matt Stipp. Row five: Byron Hadley, Mitch Baker, Andy McHenry, Pat Ludwig, Andy Steiner, Jordan Gray, Dan Finck, Ben Potts, John Coggins, Ben Tritle, Luke McAfee, Stephen Hrivnak, Pat Quinn, Jeff Klancer, Matt Johnson, Ben Kolozinski.



Junior Andrew Jeha strides through the turn. Jeha ran many distance events, but said he favored the 800-meter the most.

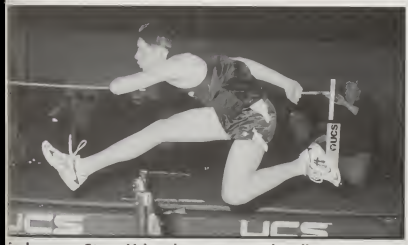
Sophomore Josh Randolph competes in the 100- and 200-meter sprints for the team, along with relays.



Patrick "Wolf" Quinn hunts down the enemy. Quinn led by example with toughness and work ethic.

Jumping with might, Seth Hancock clears his heighth in the high jump.

Senior Patrick Quinn hands off the baton to Junior Jeff Kent during a relay.



Sophomore Steve Hrivnak soars over a hurdle.

The Matt relay competes in the 4 x 3 lap relay with Freshman Matt Stipp handing off to Senior Matt Costakis. Senior Matt Snoeyink and Sophomore "Matt" Steve Hrivnak were the other members.

Tracking down the enemy...

Track Coach Brett Polizotto knew this season would be special. "In pretty much every event there were several good guys. That made the practices really good and at a competitive level," Polizotto stated.

"Track was the hardest thing in the world, but I liked it hard," senior Andy Steiner said. "You knew you were getting better when you trained like we did." The hard work took a toll on the guys, but the runners agreed that it paid off in the end.

The hard work was matched with a strong team atmosphere. "Track was unlike anything I had ever been a part of. The support I had received from all of my teammates had made it impossible for me to ever become discouraged," senior Jon Krysa said. Krysa was not alone in his thoughts, almost all thought the support and friendships of the team were by far the best part of the sport.

"Working together as a team is what makes sports so much fun, and we know it helps improve performance," senior Eric Fleming stated.

score board

Wheeler/Boone Grove	Win	130-21
DAC Indoor Relay	Win	118-91
Viking Invitational	Win	118-95
Chesterton	Win	118-95
Hobart/Portage	Win	105-54
Portage Invite	Win	159-94
LaPorte	Win	110-22
Chesterton/Crown Point	Win	86-54
Merrillville/Michigan City	Win	86-62
Valpo Relays	Win	138 128
DAC Meet (Valparaiso)	Win	158-117
Valpo Invite (9-10)	Win	162-109
Sectionals (Rensselaer)	Win	242-62
Regionals (Valparaiso)	Win	111-63
State (Indianapolis)	84-11	18th place

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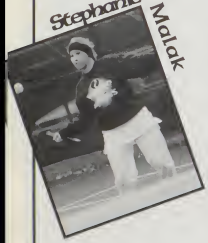
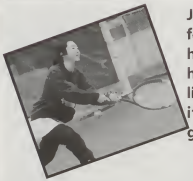


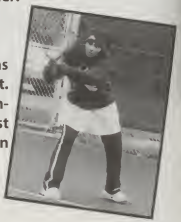
Junior Stephanie Malak played varsity tennis again this season. Malak started swinging the racket at age 5 and was one of the top players. "I have a passion for tennis," Malak said. "It just feels right to keep on playing."

Freshman Vanessa Carna wows spectators with her varsity-level tennis skills.

Girls JV Tennis Front Row L-R: Jillian Doneske, Mary McMullan, Althea Acosta, Liz Schroeder, Katelyn Ridlbauer, Neena Phadke, Emily Stark. Second Row: Alicia Mickey, Jena Vaughn, Lauren Hall, Christine Jack, Marel Wandasiewicz, Amy Ficken, Christina Jamison, Kellie Watkins, Lauren Jones, Coach Bob Barthold.



Junior Althea Acosta lunges forward to hit the ball. Acosta has been playing tennis since her freshman year but really likes this year's team "because it's smaller and more together."



Junior Kumari Ratnayake returns the ball flying across the court. Ratnayake has been playing tennis since middle school and just completed her second season on the varsity team.

Sophomore Lauren Jones runs forward to hit the ball. "We had more individual time with the coaches and got to know each other much better this year," Jones stated.

Junior R[illegible]n Atas[illegible] forehand shot across [illegible]et. Atassi w[illegible]ne of this year's top va[illegible] tennis players.

Girls Varsity Tennis Front Row L-R: Vanessa Carna, Christine Puplava. Second Row: Coach Bob Barthold, Sandah Atassi, Margie Michna, Stephanie Malak, Kumari Ratnayake, Martha Schwehn, Katie Myers, Erin Eickleberry.

Just One More Serving...

One more serving, that's all the girls' tennis team asked for this year. Like Oliver Twist, they begged, "Please sir, I want some more." More wins, more friends... more fun.

According to Coach Bob Barthold, this year's team was one of the best. "They were a lot of fun to coach and the group was full of hard workers," he said.

How was this year's team different from previous years? For one thing the criteria for being on the team was much stricter. With fewer tennis players, each girl was able to get more practice time in. "Last year we got no individual attention from the coaches," said Sophomore Lauren Jones. "Now I've improved so much and the girls on the team grew closer together."

Most of the girls on the tennis team have been involved in the sport for a few years now. The juniors on the team were looking forward to becoming next year's team leaders. "This was my second year playing varsity. I hope I keep improving for next year," Kumari Ratnayake stated. Stephanie Malak also had high hopes for the future. "I want to continue to play tennis in college and as an adult. Tennis is a life-long sport," Malak said.

Season Record

Lake central	Loss	2-3
Culver Academy	Win	3-2
Andrean	Loss	1-4
Merrillville	Loss	2-3
Michigan City	Win	3-2
LaPorte	Loss	2-3
Highland	Win	3-2
Portage	Win	5-0
Crown Point	Loss	2-3
Chesterton	Loss	2-3
Culver Tourney	Win	3-2
Munster	Loss	1-4
Hobart	Win	5-0
Sectionals: Portage	Win	4-1
Chesterton	Loss	2-3

athlete profile

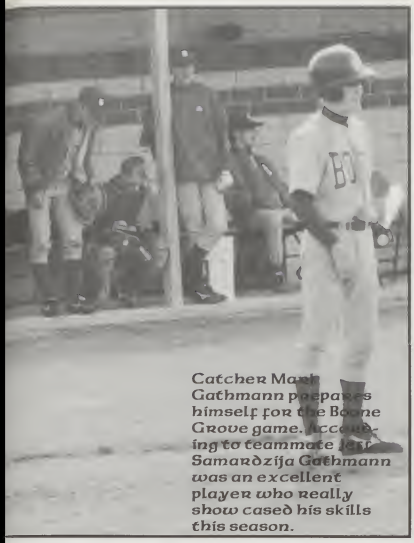
Brian McMillian played on both the varsity and jv teams this year. "There was more pressure on Varsity than there is in junior varsity, but I enjoyed playing both," he said. His two specialties were pitching and playing first base.

Junior varsity coach John Gutierrez congratulates his team before the next play.

The freshman baseball team gathers in a huddle. Mike Whisler was the coach of the team.

Varsity Boys' Baseball
1st Row: (l-r) Drew Buchanan, Chance Garbison, Dustin Bow, Cole Robinson, Ryan Nuppnau, Mike Gildein, Mark Gathmann, Chad Furman, Assistant Coach Bob Westwater
2nd Row- Scorer Bill Jones, Head Coach Todd Coffin, Mike Gibbs, Nate Hines, Mike Sullivan, Adrian Demko, Brian McMillian, Jeff Samardzija,Matt Handlon, Nick Windsur, Garrett Grat, Assistant Coack Steve Krutz

Junior Varsity Boys' Baseball
Front Row- (l to r) Ryan Nuppnau, Trevor Voss, Ryan Sutton, Doug Lane, Drew Bonaventura, Brian Witt, Trevor Nightingale 2nd Row- Coach John Gutierrez, Steve Crenshaw, Jon Sutton, Stephen Sandquist, Brian McMillian, Chris Demorotski, Kyle Bartholomew, Tim Kucharski, Assistant Coach Steve Kinder



Catcher Mark Gathmann prepares himself for the Boone Grove game. According to teammate Jeff Samardzija Gathmann was an excellent player who really show cased his skills this season.

"One, Two, Three Strikes You're Out at the Ol' Ball Game"

Baseball has always been one of America's favorite past times. This spring was no exception.

The Varsity team had a very successful season. Highlights included winning sectionals. In addition, senior Matt Handlon was voted MVP in the Duneland conference.

According to pitcher and outfielder Jeff Samardzija, this was the closest team he has ever played on.

"I will definitely miss them next year. We were all friends on and off the field," Samardzija stated.

Experience proved to be a large factor as seven of the nine starters on the team were seniors. The physical maturity was a great asset according to Samardzija.

The team finished the season with a 28-4 record.

The team lost to the Munster Mustangs in the regionals. The Mustangs went on to win the state title.

Freshman Boys' Baseball
Front Row-(l to r) Richie Ombrembowski, Danny Marshall, Ryan Kubal, Andy Larr, Nick Montgomery, Danny Sontag, Michael Denny, Josh Kucharyski, Jamie Catania 2nd Row-(l to r) Coach Fiefield, Brandon Dineen, Kane Sarkisian, Travis Blane, Adam Kloss, Chris Smith, Ryan Niketh, Zach Elkins, Bo Gilliland, Ryan Osburn, Coach Whisler

score board
SeasonRecords

Varsity Boys' Baseball-
28-4

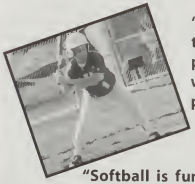
Junior Varsity Boys' Baseball-
19-6 season record
11-3 conference

athlete profile

Senior Sabrina Houldieson was the catcher for the VHS softball team and was a three year member. Houldieson stated, "Softball is more mental than anything else. Without hard work and dedication you won't get too far. This is why our team always does well. we take softball seriously." Houldieson will be attending Ball State University in the fall to study education.

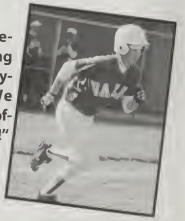
Senior catcher Sabrina Houldieson concentrates and waits for the pitch from pitcher Ashlee Blankenbaker.

Girls JV Softball (Front Row L-R:)Sarah Kinder, Ashley Walters, Laura Coleman, Alyse Kupsis, Stephanie Zaharias, Caitie Stockwell, Kayla Brumley. Second Row: Coach Harrington, Ashley Budd, Christina Bess, Katelyn Bullman, Meg Hunt, Alicia Ellenberger, Nicole Pluchinsky, Erin Knauff, Heather Shaw, Sabrina Kunz



"I play softball because I love the challenge. I love to compete and it's even more fun when you play with great people."

~ *Katie Ramirez (10)*



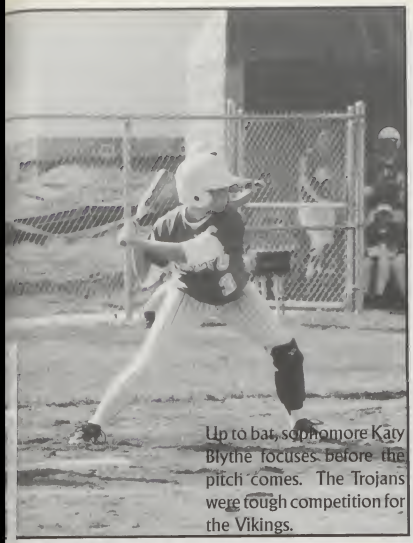
"Softball is fun because I enjoy getting to know the new players each year. We have the best back-of-the-bus convos too!"

~ *Ashlee Blankenbaker (11)*

"During the game and before a new inning, I run in and slap the pitcher's hand and say '3 up- 3 down'. Then a couple teammates and I salute each other."

~ *Caitie Stockwell (9)*

Alicia Ellenberger prepares for the opposing team's hit.



Up to bat, sophomore Katy Blythe focuses before the pitch comes. The Trojans were tough competition for the Vikings.

Girls Varsity Softball(First Row L-R:) Leslie Bryan, Caroline Bertram, Katie Blythe, Maria Cocciolone, Jessica Marquez, Diedra Paitsell, Katie Ramirez. (Second Row:)Coach Kathy Levandoski, Jamie Doane, Jill Keimach, Erin Fuller, Sabrina Houldieson, Leslie Rietveld, Angie Shiplov, Ashlee Blankenbaker, Coach Hvabota.

The Varsity softball team huddles after the batter on the other team strikes out.

Batter Up!...

Girls softball began with a slow start this year. Due to rain, the girl's had to wait to play their games until two weeks after the season was intended to start. Once they did achieve the opportunity to play, the team excelled in batting and fielding. Pitcher, junior Ashlee Blankenbaker led the team in batting averages with a .432, followed by junior Diedra Paitsell with a .337.

Coach Kathy Levandoski stated, "We had a very good year." The team is anticipated to be just as good next year, but will find it hard to replace seniors Maria Cocciolone and catcher Sabrina Houldieson.

"Sophomore Katy Ramirez was awarded the Mental Attitude Award trophy for her positive attitude and contributions to the team," added Coach Levandoski.

"A good attitude is needed in any sport. If you can't along, there's no way to achieve victory," stated Houldieson.

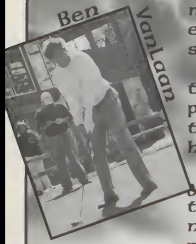
Blankenbaker and Houldieson were named to the All-Conference Team for softball.

The Varsity team ended their season with an 11-3 record in DAC, and an overall season record of 17-7.

score board

Indy Scecina	W
Martinsville	L
Chesterton	W
Michigan City	W
Lowell	W
Penn	L
Lakeshore, MI	L
Hobart	W
Wheeler	W
Merrillville	W
Portage	L
LaPorte	W
Crown Point	W
Boone Grove	W
Chesterton	L
Hobart	W
Michigan City	W
Griffith	W
Merrillville	W
Portage	L
LaPorte	W
Crown Point	W
Sectionals (Crown Point)	W
Sectionals (Portage)	L

athlete profile



Ben VanLaan

"This year's team was a much better team to end with. Even more so then the others," Ben VanLaan stated.

"Even the fans of the team were unified, supportive, and loud when they had the chance," he stated.

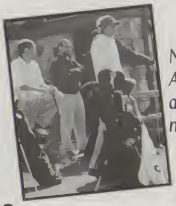
VanLaan was a four year player, and a three time letter winner. He also participated in cross country.

Valpo's student fans sport their team spirit in the form of capes and wild cheering.

Boys' Track and Field
Row one:(L-R) Mike Hrunek, Travis Matthiesen, Dane Brown, Kyle Prow, Paul McGriff, Eric Leland. Row two: Coach Knauff, C.J. Ameling, Chad Russell, Elliot Elger, Chris Kerns, Ed Sheptak, Ben VanLaan, Nate Corsbie, Joel Pera

Freshman Kyle Prow prepares to putt in a practice round. Teammate Mike Hrunek looks on.

Preparing to rip his drive during a match against Chesterton, senior Dan Brown concentrates on his shot.



Nate Corsbie and C.J. Ameling wait to tee- off at the Country Club in a match.

Junior C.J. Ameling prepares his backswing on the golf course at the Country Club.

Standing 5 feet [illegible] all, senior Ben VanLaan follows [illegible] great precision.

Senior Dane Brown makes his shot during an intense match with Chesterton. Elger, Brown, Corsbie, VanLaan and Ameling all qualified for state competition.

Freshman Ed Sheptak putts while attempting to make a birdie.

Hit the greens, putt it in the hole

Golf matches can be a grueling mental battle. Players must be able to focus after bad shots, although that was not something that was needed much this year.

According to Coach John Knauff, this team was very good and played well all season.

Early newspaper predictions may not have foretold success, but the Vikings quickly made a point and beat the "region's best" four times during the season.

A DAC title was one highlight. "Dane Brown was a true leader of the team. I couldn't imagine being as successful as we were this season without his leadership," Kyle Prow stated.

CJ Ameling said, "I loved the team outlook we had. No one put their own achievements before the teams."

The team also took the sectional team championship in near record breaking fashion. Their score, 295, was the second best in VHS history.

Score board

Varsity season record 14-6

Varsity- (DAC Champs) 11-3

Sectionals-won

Junior varsity season record 18-0

Junior varsity- (DAC Champs) 14-0

Spectacular Seasons

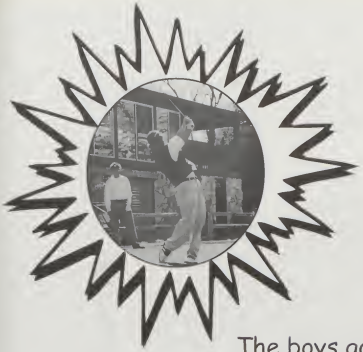
The girls soccer team delights fans.

Varsity wrestler Jason Cook pins his opponent.

Volleyball players applaud teammates.

Quantrell Blake goes up for a lay up shot.

Members of the varsity football team are ready for action in the IHSAA state finals.



The boys golf team sent four golfers to compete at state.

Coach Karen Devries give some last minute advice to her track girls at the state meet in Indianpolis.

Coach Bob Punter instructs his varsity basketball players .

Coach John Cook retired from coaching wrestling after the 2002 season.

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-Sarrah Cheatham, 03

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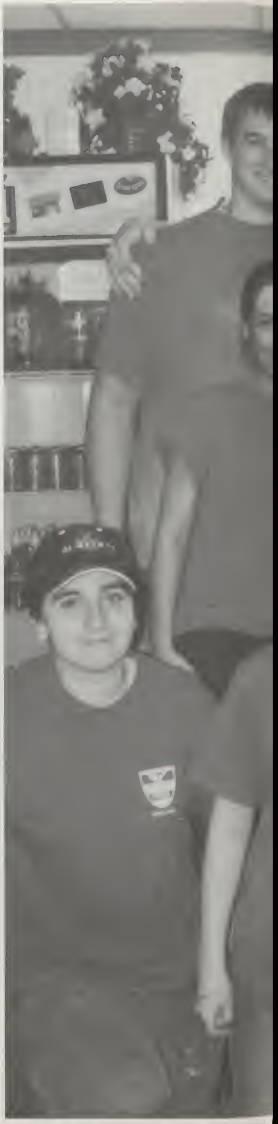
-Matt Pflughaupt, 02

"I really like my job. I've made a lot of friends there and we always have a great time."
-Danielle Kirksey, 03



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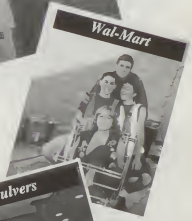
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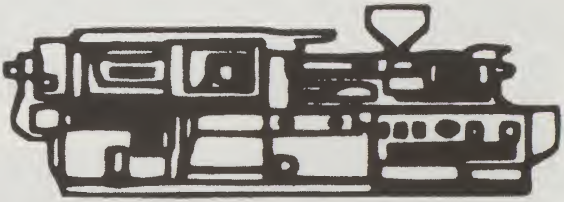

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English teacher Judith Hurdle taught at VHS for 29 years. Hurdle stated that she would miss teaching next door to her husband Neil along with the intellectually curious and eager students that she has taught during the years.

Social studies teacher Pat Murphy taught for 37 years and coached for 51 seasons. "I wanted to retire while I still liked what I was doing. As a positive person, I wanted to finish on a postive note," he said.

Science teacher Doug Morthland retired from teaching after 30 years of service. His future plans included traveling the country on his Harley.

Japanese teacher Biff Geiss taught foreign language classes for 40 years.

"Working with Sharon has been a privledge. She has been my mentor, peer and dear friend. To me Sharon epitomizes the word TEACHER. She is dedicated, compassionate and a true professional," stated math teacher Jill McGonigle of long-time colleague Sharon Shroeder.

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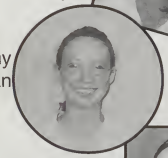
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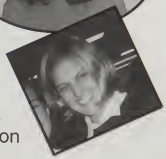
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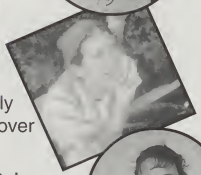
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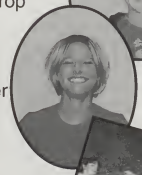
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